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Italy's Grim Warning: Expect More Violence In Wake of Bombings

By Barry James ing Italy's destabilization, but neither he nor International Herald Tribune Mr. Mancino would elaborate.

The government warned Italians on The bombings coincide with Italy's biggest Wednesday to brace for more violence after political scandal since World War II, in which Wednesday to brace for more violence after car bombers, in a deadly "hammer blow to art and religion" devastated two historic courches in Rome and an art museum in Milan. Five people died in Milan late Tuesday and

at least seven were injured. In Rome at least 24 people were taken to the hospital.

Because the country is in a difficult phase.

Said Interior Minister Nicola Mancino, off-

cials do not exclude the possibility of more bomb attacks. Mr. Mancino hinted at foreign involvement in the attacks, which followed a bombing May 27 that severely damaged the Uffizi Gallery in Florence. Five people died, and more than 20.

were hurt in that bombing.

"We are following several lines of inquiry, both here and abroad." Mr. Mancino told the Senate. "It is not improbable that many interests bave come together to undermine the

system comprehensively,"
A former president, Francesco Cossiga, also raised the question of outside interests' seek-

live former prime ministers, a host of former cabinet members and about 2,700 lesser politicians, officials and businessmen have been accused, indicted or jailed in a massive corruption investigation.

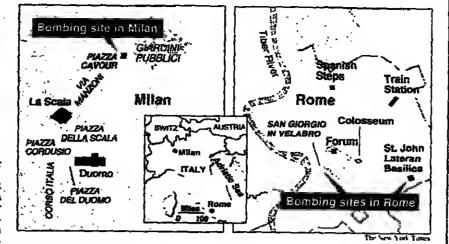
Some officials blamed the Mafia for the

"It's a political matioso warning," said the mayor of Milan, Marco Formentini. "I don't see how to read it otherwise."

In Rome, the bombs severely damaged the basilica of Saint John Lateran and a seventhcentury Romanesque church, San Giorgio in Velabro, close to the Forum. The lowering basilica of Saint John is the church of Pope John Paul II in his capacity as

bishop of Rome, and some commentators speculated that the bombing was revenge for his recent attack on the Mafia. They've tried to deal a hammer blow to art

and religion," said Virgilio Levi, a spokesman basilica. The pontiff, visiting the dam-



aged churches, condemned the attacks as atrocious and cowardly, and expressed his profound grief for the victims. It is not with contempt for God and man that one can build a human and civilized society," he said. In Milan, the bombers left a device in a car

parked outside the museum of modern art. close to the cathedral and La Scala opera house. The blast — which killed three firemen. a policeman and a man sleeping in a nearby park - gouged a crater in the sidewalk and touched off a gas-main fire that shot flames high into the sky throughout the night. The explosion turned a wall of the museum into rubble, and scattered bits of the car.

As a new day dawned on the devastation.

spontaneous demonstration of anger and revulsion. Many carried hastily painted signs reading "Democrazia" - democracy.

The demonstrators packed into a city square called Piazza Fontana, where in 1969 a bomb blast killed 14 people and touched off a 20-year series of murky attacks to destabilize the state. The Piazza Fontana bombing has never been solved.

In Rome, following a peaceful assembly outside City Hall, about 400 demonstrators marched to the prime minister's office, where some scuffling occurred.

Many officials believe a new and sinister lliance of criminals and disgraced politicians

are fighting to destabilize a society weakened

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Fire fighters in Milan on Wednesday examining the wreckage of a car near the site of an explosion that killed five persons and destroyed a portion of the museum of modern art.

Japan's 'Not-LDP' Joins to End Ruling Party Reign

By T.R. Reid

TOKYO - Japan's fuzzy political picture clicked into sharper focus Wednesday as seven political parties agreed to form a coalition government excluding the Liberal Democratic Party, which has run the government for 38 years.

A realignment along these lines had seemed the most likely course since the historic election two weeks ago, in which the Liberal Democrats lost their controlling majority in the parliament for the first time since the party was founded in

1955. But that result was so stumning for Japan that the seven parties, known collectively as the "Not-LDP," had to carry on long negotiations to reach agreement.

Even after its election setback, the Liberal Democratic Party is still the largest single party in Japan, and its leadership had been scrambling to find ways to create at least one more cabinet. These plans evidently died Wednesday when two centrist spin-offs of the party, the Japan New Party and the New Harbinger Party, agreed to side with the "Not-LDP" coali-

government was made public in one of those decorous rituals that seem essential in this polite society even at a time when the established

political order is in shreds. Morihiro Hosokawa, head of the Japan New Party, and Masayoshi Takemura, head of New Harbinger Party, paid a formal visit to the Liberal Democratic Party headquarters. The two were met with stately bows at the door, and they bowed deeply in return.

They were usbered to a formal meeting room, where uniformed "office ladies" served green

After days of rumors, the plan for the next tea in fine china bowls and sweet bean cakes

wrapped in bamboo leaves. Only then did the two visitors drop the news that - as Mr. Hosokawa related the message later - "From now on, party relations will take the form of the seven-party coalition versus the LDP." To politicians, who can count the votes, this means that the Liberal Democratic Party will be shut out of the next cabinet.

Assuming that none of the coalition members walks away in the meantime, the cabinet See JAPAN, Page 4

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NATO Air Cover **Due Next Week for UN's Bosnia Troops**

Timing Hinges On Controllers For Bomb Runs Deal in Geneva

By Rick Atkinson

Washington Post Service
BERLIN — The lack of experienced forward air controllers on the ground with United Nations troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina is a significant factor affecting the timing and target selec-tion of any attack by NATO warplanes. military officials in Europe said Wednesday.

Even if the UN requests retaliation by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for recent attacks on French forces in Bosnia, such strikes might have to be delayed for several days or reconfigured to compensate for the shortage of controllers, according to one senior NATO offi-

NATO plans envision using forward air controllers - or FACs as they are called in the military - to direct strikes against Serbian positions with laser designators that guide bombs to their targets.

Roughly 100 UN controllers have been train-

ing with NATO pilots in Germany and elsewhere since mid-June, but the UN has been slow to deploy them to Sarajevo and other areas

Although some attack planes are capable of designating targets for themselves with their own lasers — a common practice in the Gulf War - NATO commanders prefer groundbased designators in the mountainous Bosnian terrain. Moreover, radio communication be-tween controllers and pilots must be precise in order to avoid civilian casualties or hitting UN

"You want somebody who really knows how to do this," one officer commented. "Especially in an area like Sarajevo, you want to be real sure where you're putting those bombs." Some of the controller teams are already in Bosnia but not necessarily in areas where pilots

need them. They also require additional training once they get in place.

The controllers must speak English to comunicate with the pilots, as well as the language

of the UN unit to which they are attached. The United States and several allies commit-ted themselves during the spring to protect 9,000 UN forces trying to guard civilian havens in Sarajevo, Srehrenica, Zepa, Gorazde, Tuzla,

Approximately 70 American, French, British and Dutch aircraft began deploying to Italy in mid-June as part of the agreement.

Some of the aircraft, such as U.S. Air Force AC-130 Specier gunships, fire cannons or other conventional munitions. The pinpoint missions, however, are accomplished with faserguided bombs.

Pilots bave been training at ranges around Italy and have been considered ready for corn-

bat since July 22, pending the positioning of the controllers. We're in a sort of a strange situation in that

UN forces select the targets and decide where and when they want them hit, and then we provide the planes and bombs," the NATO officer added

In NATO's Brussels headquarters, as well as in the Allied Forces Southern Europe headquarters in Naples, there is considerable con-

cern about errant hombing. The French military said the most recent fire against French troops may have been uninten-

Several artillery shells landed near a detachment of 40 soldiers setting up a base at Saraje-See STRIKES, Page 4

Flights Aimed At Prompting

By Joseph Fitchett

NATO warplanes are expected to start pro-viding air cover for United Nations peacekeeping forces in Bosnia by Monday or Tuesday Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali said Wednesday in New York. U.S. and European officials made it clear

that such flights would also be aimed at encouraging the Muslim-led Bosnian government to accept a peace settlement and at demonstrating international determination to enforce it.

"We're tip-toeing toward military action." a U.S. official said, "but nobody wants to send an encouraging signal to the Bosnians or a con-frontational one to the Serbs that might derail a

The three warring factions debate the creation of a confederation of ethnic republics. Page 4.

political deal in Geneva." He was referring to efforts to negotiate a settlement among warring Muslims, Serbs and Croats,

Reflecting these political hesitations, offi-cials of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization said that any intervention required a formal request from the United Nations, "NATO's done its job," said an official at allied head-quarters. "Now it's up to the United Nations." But Mr. Butros Ghali said that some time was still needed to make final arrangements.

including an agreement on the rules of engage-ment and the deployment of more personnel to guide air attacks. Once UN headquarters approves an initial use of air power. Iresh attacks can be requested on the spot from NATO by the UN command

While this threat is taking shape. Western wertunents and the UN leadership appear comfortable with a few days' delay, partly to

allow more time for negotiations in Geneva to produce a peace plan. Even under the pressure of Serbian shelling French peacekeepers in Sarajevo on two occasions in recent days. France and other allied governments are also anxious to fine-tune the system for coordinating NATO air power with UN ground forces. Mixed signals are

amed for costing lives in the UN intervention The Bosnian air-cover plan was approved in June by the Security Council, but its implement tation requires approval by Mr. Butros Ghali after consultations with the United States.

which is providing the air power, and France. which has the most troops on the ground. President Bill Clinton said Wednesday that the United States would "seriously consider"

sending its planes into action if it received a formal request from France. Although Mr. Clinton said that Washington

had not yet been asked to do that, this seemed a

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Clinton Urges **Israel and Foes** To Halt Attacks

WASHINGTON - As Israel pounded southern Lebanon with artillery and air attacks. President Bill Clinton called Wednesday for both the Hezhollah guerrillas and the Israelis to

halt the fighting.

Mr. Clinton also said Syria should become an "active participant" in efforts to end the violence.

"I think Hezbollah should stop its attacks. Israel should stop the hombardments." Mr. Clinton said. "Syria should go from showing restraint to

being an active participant to try to stop the fighting, and we ought to do whatever we can to stop the fighting."

On Tuesday, Mr. Clinton commended Syria

for showing restraint in the face of the military action. Asked Wednesday if he was hardening his stand toward Syria, Mr. Clinton responded: "No. I just believe they can do more. It is now time for all the players to do more to bring

an end to the fighting."

The president said he still believed all parties to the Middle East peace talks, which recessed July 1 after a 10th round, were interested in

seeing them make progress. At the United Nations, Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali accused Israel on Wednesday of pursuing a policy of driving civilians

from their villages. "Given the evolution of the situation in Lebanon as well as the historic background of the Middle East conflict, it is deplorable that any government would consciously adopt policies that would lead to the creation of new flows of refugees and displaced persons," Mr. Butros

Ghali said in a statement. Authorities in Lebanon estimate that as many as 200,000 people have fled the south.

The U.S. State Department said Wednesday that Israel was targeting civilians. "We are extremely concerned about the fighting and the potential for further escalation." said a spokesman, Michael McCurry, as Israel's military action moved through a fourth day.

The U.S. official said Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, who plans to go to the Middle East next week, had made his views

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Germans Poised to Lower Discount Rate

Compiled by Our Staff From Displated

FRANKFURT - The Bundesbank appears all but certain to cut its key discount rate on Thursday in an effort to support the fragile European Monetary System in general and the French franc in particular, economists and currency analysis said. They said a sharper-than-expected reduction

in a money market interest rate on Wednesday made a cut of around half a percentage point in the Bundesbank's 6.75 percent discount rate : almost inevitable. The Bundesbank move calmed market fears about the EMS exchange-rate mechanism. The mark fell to 3.4063 French francs in London

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from 3.4150 on Tuesday, pulling away from its ERM ceiling of 3.4305. The Bank of France reportedly bought francs to help its currency. The dollar lost some of its allure as a safe.

Trib Index Dow Jones 3,553.45 0.18% 103.55 Pound 1.489 105.95 106.04 5.841 5.896

marks from 1.7260 and to 5.8465 French francs

Last week the Bundesbank gave written backing for the French currency in a statement issued by French and German financial authorities. That commitment is expected to be haven, even against the mark, because of the easing of tensions. It fell to 1.7185 Deutsche the last regular meeting of the central bank's turned into action with a rate cut Thursday at

policy-making council before its summer break. It usually meets every second Thursday but will not convene again until Ang. 26. A rate cut at Thursday's meeting - sorely

needed to support weak currencies in the European Community's exchange-rate mechanism, particularly the French franc — would come although German inflation and money supply growth are well beyond Bundesbank targets. An easing now would thus bring into question the German central bank's resolve in fighting inflation, analysts noted. But reduced German rates would make

mark-denominated money-market investments less attractive and would help stem a flow of funds out of the French franc and other weak PRM currencies. "The Bundesbank will cut rates with a view

to stabilizing the exchange-rate mechanism. said Thomas Mayer, economist at Goldman See RATES, Page 10

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Talks Boycotted

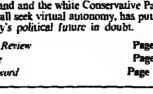
In South Africa JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - Talks on South Africa's transition to democracy and

the end of white rule resumed Wednesday without key black and white conservatives. An end to 350 years of white domination could come next month if the government and the African National Congress push through their timetable for installing a multiracial transitional body with a veto over the existing white cabinet. But the boycott by the Inkatha Freedom Party, the KwaZulu black homeland and the white Conservative Party, which all seek virtual autonomy, has put the country's political future in doubt.

Book Review Bridge Crossword







Visit Cheap, Friendly, Troubled Ulster? A Tough Sell That Works

By Eugene Robinson

BELFAST — It's a tough sell: Come spend your vacation

in lovely Northern Ireland. Come to the home of the Irish Republican Army? Fo the bome of Protestant paramilitary groups? To Belfast, where the biggest downtown hotel has most of its windows covered with phywood because of a terrorist bombing this spring? Where mobs noted for two nights this month, burning cars

and looting shops? Unlikely as it may sound, the Northern Ireland Tourist Board is having some success in bringing visitors to the scene of one of the world's longest-running sectarian conflicts: Despite what are known as the Troubles, a record number of visitors came to Northern Ireland last year. And, in a total other cities, less they be stolen and converted into car of 1.25 million visitors, nearly 250,000 came on vacation.

Most of the rest came on business or to visit friends and

Persuading people to visit the battlefield of a low-intensity war is not an easy task. Northern Ireland is cheap, friendly and relatively accessible. The countryside is green

and gentle. It could be tourist heaven - except for a few

nagging details.
"It looks like a very, very difficult job," the spokeswoman for the tourist board, Anne Moore, said of its mandate. Obviously image is our worst problem, because of the Troubles. We just have to accept that, be honest about it. We

say, 'Yes, there is a problem here.' Tourism officials warn visitors not to leave their cars mattended in the downtown business districts of Belfast or

bomb that wrecked part of Belfast's opera house and turned the Europa Hotel into an enterprise zone for glaziers.

Earlier this month, the police found and defused another bomb in Belfast that could have damaged a wide area. Smaller cities have also been hit by car bombs this year. Neither side in the conflict bas a policy of attacking

The terrorists can attack economic targets, but they risk alienating their own people," Miss Moore said, "It's a

balance they have to strike." Enough people visit to bring Northern Ireland about \$250 million a year and create more than 10,000 jobs. Tourism is already one of Northern Ireland's top five industries, and

A small number of tourists even come not despite the bombs. On May 18, the Irish Republican Army set off a car Troubles, but because of them. The tourist board drew

criticism for pointing this out in a recent report, but the fighting between Catholic republicans and Protestant loyalists is a bit of a magnet.

The tourist board pushes more traditional fare, such as Northern Ireland's golf courses, some of the best fishing in Europe and such attractions as the Giant's Causeway, a bizarre rock formation on the northern coast. The board encourages Irish-Americans to come trace their

roots, and has just begun special nostalgia tours for U.S. veterans who were stationed here during World War II. More than four-fifths of Northern Ireland's visitors come through Ireland, the southern part of the island,

Ireland and Northern Ireland have begun to join forces. marketing the two regions as a package and setting up joint booths at tourist fairs around the world,

By Richard W. Stevenson

New York Times Service
CHRISTCHURCH, England — Waiting at a neighbor's bome to meet the Liberal Democratic candidate for Parliament in this seaside town. Stanley Henrywood said that after 14 years of Conservative Party government he thought the country needed a change.

"I'm disgusted with the Tories," he said. "They've mismanaged things so badly that we need to send them a message they can't ignore. They need a real kick in the pants.

The bad news for Prime Minister John Major is that Mr. Henrywood, a 74-year-old retired salesman, has until oow been as loyal a Conservative as they come, having voted Tory in every election since he

The worse news is that Mr. Henrywood, who said he had decided to vote for the Liberal Democrats in the election on Thursday to fill the area's empty seat

Lawmakers Dispute

MOSCOW - Leaders of the revoke Mr. Yelisin's decision to re-

Yeltsin's Dismissal

Of Security Chief

Russian parliament declared

Wednesday they they bad annulled

a presidential decree dismissing the minister of security, Colonel Gen-

eral Viktor P. Barannikov, saying

that only the legislature had au-thority to do that, the Itar-Tass

The parliament's presidium said President Boris N. Yeltsin's dis-

missal of General Barannikov on

ment adopted in December, it said,

only the legislature has the power

to remove ministers of security, de-

fense and foreign affairs.

Mr. Yeltsin dismissed General

Barannikov on charges that he bad mishandled a crisis along the Tajik-

Afghan border and also was guilty

In an earlier decision Wednes-day, the presidium decided that old

banknotes the Central Bank de-

clared invalid as of this week

should continue to be legal tender in Russia until their gradual with-

drawal from circulation bas been

Under a constitutional amend-

Tuesday bad "no legal value."

news ageocy said.

of corruption.

in Parliament, is far from alone among traditional Conservatives in his readiness to switch allepiance. Having held Christchurch's seat in the House of Commons since 1910, usually by wide margins, the Conservatives appear to be on the verge of losing it.

perhaps in a landslide. Coming less than a week after Mr. Major was forced to gamble his political future to overcome a rebel faction io his own party and ram through approval of the Treaty on European Union, a loss here would raise questions about his ability to stem the decline in his party's popularity and heal its deep

And although there have yet to be any open signs of a rebellion within the cabiner, a sizable defeat in this town, 90 miles (150 kilometers) southwest of London, would almost certainly open the door to discussions within the party about whether Mr. Major was the proper person to lead the Conservatives in the next general election. There is already

speculation among Tory backbenchers in the House of Commons about possible successors, most notably the chancellor of the Exchequer, Kenneth

relegraph this week showed Labor with the support of 46 percent of voters, compared with 31 percent for the Conservatives and 20 percent for the Liberal

Assuming they can maintain their majority in Parliament - it now stands at 18 in the Commons the Conservatives will not have to hold a general election until 1995. But Mr. Major's travails. brought into focus by the disaffection in Christchurch, have raised questions among voters about whether the Tories bave simply run out of ideas and

largest opposition party in Parliament, has never had

much support. Poils published by newspapers last weekend showed the Liberal Democrat. Diana Maddock, with a lead of as much as 2 to 1 over the Conservative candidate. Robert Hayward, in Christ-

The sense that the government has become ineffeetual was only reinforced. Mrs. Maddock said, by Mr. Major's desperate maneuvers in Parliament last week to quell the revolt within his own party and ratify the treaty binding Britain to closer economic and political cooperation with the European Com-

Acknowledging that gains by opposition parties in midterm elections have not translated into big gains in general elections while the Tories bave been in power, she said the success of the Liberal Democrats and Laborites in sweeping many Tories from power in local elections several months ago suggested that a fundamental political shift might be at hand.

WORLD BRIEFS

Ukraine Cuts Missiles Aimed at U.S.

WASHINGTON (WP) —Breaking a deadlock over the late of former Soviet nuclear weapons on its soil, Ukraine has begun dismantling 10 of its missiles aimed at the United States, a senior U.S. defense official disclosed Tuesday.

In response, the United States has pledged to provide Ukraine with \$175 million in aid to speed the dismantlement, dropping an earlier condition that Ukraine first ratify the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. At a meeting with Secretary of Defense Les Aspin and other senior U.S. officials in the Pentagon on Tuesday, the Ukrainian defense minister, General Konstantin Morozov, confirmed U.S. intelligence reports on the dismantlement, said the official, who participated in the talks.

Shooting Disrupts Caucasian Truce

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — Government troops and Abkhazian separatists accused each other of violating a cease-fire almost immediately after it was supposed to go into effect Wednesday. Abkhazian officials said the Georgian Army shelled rebels near the village of Esbera just 35 minutes after the cease-fire began.

Georgian officials, meanwhile, said three Abkharian rockets his Sukhumi, the besieged capital, once a resort area of beaches, flowering bushes and pain trees along the Black Sea. No casualities were reported.

The cease-fire was to be the first stage of a Russian-spousored plan to end the Georgian civil war, which has taken at least 2,000 lives in the last

Nigeria Factions Forced Into Accord

LAGOS (AP) — Nigeria's two political parties bowed to the military ruler Thursday and agreed to form an interim government that apparently excludes the businessman who won the presidential election in June.

The Social Democrats, ordered by General Ibrahim Babangida to meet with the rival Republicans or face dissolution, agreed on a plan to form an interim government that would succeed General Babangida's regime. The Social Democratic candidate, Moshood K.O. Abiola, won the June 12 presidential election that was voided by General Babangida. The parties also agreed that holding a new election between now and General Babangida's promised transfer of power on Aug. 27 was not feasible. It was not immediately clear who would lead the new government or when it

Iraq Balks on Monitoring Agreement

BAGHDAD (Reuters) — Iraq said on Wednesday that it had not reached final agreement with the United Nations on long-term arms monitoring.

Iraq said last week it was ready to comply with the UN Security

Council resolution on long-term weapons monitoring, but expected concessions in return.

UN inspectors this week installed three monitoring cameras, but they will not be switched on until further talks have taken place.

North Korea Missile Test Confirmed

WASHINGTON (AP) -- North Korea has tested an intermediaterange missile capable of hitting Japan, the director of central intelligence, R. James Woolsey, confirmed Wednesday. In testimony before a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee, he said the missile could carry nuclear,

chemical and biological payloads as well as conventional warheads. "With this missile North Korea could reach Japan, Iran could reach Israel and Libya could reach U.S. bases and allied capitals in the Mediterranean region," Mr. Woolsey said, Japanese Defense Agency officials reported earlier that the missile, named Rodong-1, was tested in

U.S. General Opposes Vietnam Curb

HANOI (AFP) — Lifting the U.S. economic embargo against Vietnam would help — not hurt — the process of accounting for U.S. servicemen missing from the war, the U.S. general in charge of the effort said

Major General Thomas Needham, head of the Joint Task Force-Full Accounting, was responding to questions about the embargo from members of an American business delegation visiting Vietnam. "If the trade embargo is lifted, cooperation could only get better," he said. "The people who are holding back would stop holding back."

Conversely, a decision by President Bill Clipton to extend the embargo when it comes up for renewal Sept. 14 could cannot hie Vietnamese

Berliner Guilty of Cold War Spying

BERLIN (AP) - A German who worked for the U.S. forces in Berlin was convicted of espionage Wednesday for giving agents from the Soviet bloc information about U.S. troop movements between 1980 and 1992. Hans-Friedrich Handschuch, 48, said his contacts from the KGB and East German intelligence said his reports would protect peace. He was given a one-year suspended senience and ordered to pay a fine of 4,000 Deutsche marks (\$2,350).

Mr. Handschuch worked for the U.S. military mission in West Berlin and for the U.S. diplomatic office in the eastern sector after German and Western missionaries as a retreat from the freedom of conscience formally granted in 1991.

Some church officials concede
that the measure may not be effecthat the measure may not be effec-

TRAVEL UPDATE

A million travelers are expected to jam Paris rail terminals this weekend as the country's traditional vacation period begins. Highways to the Riviera and the south will also be heavily congested on Aug. 1. (AP) Hampton Court Palace, once home of King Henry VIII and renovated after a fire seven years ago, has again become a top attraction for tourists in Britain, drawing 600,000 visitors last year.

(Reuters)

Paris, Citing Unreliability, To Withdraw 9 AIDS Tests

PARIS - The Ministry of al Blood Transfusion Service. Health has ordered the withdrawal from the market of nine AIDS-detection methods, saying that they are less reliable

than others. Officials said the ministry

was concerned that the tests could give false-negative results in the period immediately after infection by the buman immunodeliciency virus, or HIV, which causes AIDS.

All tests work by detecting not the virus itself but the anti-bodies that the human organism produces in response to HIV invasion. This means that for a period of weeks, an infection can go undetected -a socalled laise negative.

The officials said the meth-

ods taken off the market, most made by French manufacturers, had only "mediocre" sensi-tivity during this critical period. Anne-Marie Courrouce, di-

high, however. She said that no single method was 100 percent effective AIDS-detection clinics minimize the risk of false negative or false-positive results by test-ing blood twice, using different

rector of research at the Nation-

said the number of false-nega-

tive results was unlikely to be

methods. .The nine tests removed from

the market are among 31 methods used in France. The Health Ministry suled

that six of the sucthods remaining on the market could not be used for testing blood donaused in committee with other methods. This is because donated blood is checked only once for the presence of HIV anti-bodies, and the testing method must therefore emphasize the reliability rather than the speed of the result

Margaret, Duchess of Argyll, Dies at 80

United States in her teens and mar-

said. She was 80.

Ian Douglas Campbell, the 11th sequent libel action signaled the Duke of Argyll, for which she was decline of her fortunes and deplet. LONDON - Margaret. Duchbest known. ess of Argyll, who was at the center of one of Britain's most sensational

divorce cases, died here Monday photograph of the duchess with a after a series of strokes, ber friends naked and unidentified male torso was produced in court as evidence The daughter of a textile millionof adultery. aire. George Hay Whigham, she was feted in both Britain and the

Four men were cited as co-respondents and the duchess was branded by the judge as "wholly immoral" and "completely promis-

The marriage ended in 1963 in a fin 1971 she opened her home to scandalous divorce case in which a tourists in a bid to make money, but seven years later was forced to sell her home and move into a Lon-don hotel, from which she was evicted in 1990 for not paying her

"She is the last great figure from that era — the golden age of British society," said her biographer, Micuous. The divorce case and a sub- chaef Thornion.

taught chemist who invented cloud seeding" and created the first artificially induced snow and rainfall. tied Sunday in Schenectady, New York. He drew worldwide attention with his 1946 experiments for General Electric making the first showstorm in a laboratory and in-ducing precipitation outdoors:

Courad L. Whith, 93 the impost-serving director of the U.S. National. Park Service, died Souday in Williamstown, Massachusetts. A STATE OF THE STA

A national Gallup Poll published by The Sunday Democrats.

The Liberal Democrats are the primary opposition party in southern England, where Labor, the

credibility after holding power since 1979.

Orthodox Church about the foreign missionaries is their presump

Adding to the draw, communism

For missionaries, this was prime

As for the Orthodox: "They co-

existed with atheism for such a long

time that they have a watered-

Mrs. Speranskaya said: "If the Russian Orthodox Church worked

is crushed for 70 years, it's very

pseudo-religious rituals.

For the Orthodox and for many tion that Russia is a vast spiritual Russians, the foreign proselytizers wasleland, despite the 1,000-year

are an irritant, and even a threat, history of Orthodox Christianity.

With the support of the church. Though Patriarch Alexei II, the

parliament recently passed a law head of the church, insists he is requiring foreign religious organi-zations to register with a special and other hierarchs argue that government board, which has not there must be some control over

yet been formed. The law has been who is allowed to preach to Rus-

assailed by buman-rights defenders sians. They insist that the outsiders

tive.

"The law is seen by the church as sians said they had tried the Rusan attempt to protect society from sian churches, but found them

extremes, from the spiritual chaos, forbidding. "People are wandering

that these foreign religious people around praying to icons, though

can bring, said Yelena Sperans-kaya, the Orthodox Church official en images, said an accountant charged with monitoring foreign who had come from a distant

missionary activity. "Instead of northern town, and stood with sev-

consolidation, they bring division: eral friends. "It's impossible to un-

they introduce cults that never ex-derstand the priests; you don't feel

In any case, Mrs. Speranskaya acclimatized the people to a simple,

said that the most dangerous new unified code of behavior and a

sects were not imports, but two communal mentality, while at the

secretive cults that are direct off-same time it never rooted out the shoots of the Orthodox Church. Russian deep-rooted superstitious-

Parents have accused both sects of ness and penchant for mysticism, brainwashing children, and have The Communists tried to co-opt

formed a lobbying organization to get their children back.

1 ae Communists tried to co-opt these instincts with their own set of pseudo-religious risuals.

White Brotherhood. It was found- turl. "When Russia started to open.

ed in Ukraine in 1990 by a 52-year-old scientist named Yuri Krivono-gov, who has proclaimed himself founder of the Moscow Christian

minent cataclysm, and warns that down message," Mr. Youngren only those who repent and join the said. "You don't hear of too many

White Brotherhood can be saved. Russian Orthodox having been The other cult is known as the sent to jail for their beliefs."

1990, by a former secret monk as it should and rebuilt its mission,

ter worships the Virgin Mary and searched for new forms and appreaches hatred for all women - proaches it wouldn't be having

especially mothers - who do not these problems. But when your best

To be sure, the Russian Ortho- hard to restore it. That's why may-

dox Church has not fared badly be we feel that brother Christians

against the competition. With an from abroad should be helping us,

estimated 60 million believers, and not competing with us."

named loann Bereslavky, the cen-showed interest in new people and

A woman from Ukraine waiting Wednesday outside a Moscow train station for a solution to her problem. Because she was classified as a foreigner, she missed the Monday deadline for changing her rubles to new currency and thus lacked money to buy a ticket back to Kiev.

passage, only a small fraction still

isted. But in practice. I don't know how this law can work."

The scariest cult is called the

and his wife, Mariya Tsvigun, 33.

to be gods on Earth under the names loann Svami and Mariya

Devi. Mr. Krivonogov preaches im-

The other cult is known as the

Bogorodechnyi (Mother of God)

Center, in Moscow. Also opened in

repent and join the organization.

attend church.

Il was not immediately clear if Religion, in Multiple Forms, Makes a Comeback in Russia

By Serge Schmemann New York Times Service MOSCOW - The venues are

the parliament had a legal right to

archfoe, Rusian I. Khasbulatov, is

locked in a power struggle with the

As the legislators sought to can-

cel the Central Bank's decision to

invalidate billions of old rubles, the bank chairman, Viktor V. Gerash-chenko, insisted that only he had

He said he would meet with leg-

islative leaders to discuss the

change, which the bank said had

Russians are being allowed to

exchange only up to 100,000 old rubles (about \$100) for new notes.

They must deposit any excess in

savings accounts for a minimum of

Russian and Tajik forces un-

leashed "a massive artillery and mortar strike" across the border

into Afghanistan on Wednesday.

Reuters reported from Moscow.

Russians Report Battle

been aimed at slowing inflation.

the authority to reverse course.

president and has seized every op-

move General Barannikov. Parliament, led by Mr. Yeltsin's

portunity to snipe at him.

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would have old Bolsheviks turning in their urns.

Thousands pack Lenin Stadium

Thousands pack Lenin Stadium

The Russian Orthodox Church with more than 6,000 new churches spreading the Word and passing out free Bibles. Mormons circulate out free Bibles. Mormons circulate out free Bibles. Mormons circulate lons who have been haptized in last three years, it is still by far the

quintessentially Soviet—the Lenin Stadium, the October movie theater. the Locomotive sports complex — but what goes on there cavernous October Theater on the

interpreter defuly echoes Mr. Wilcox's gesture and rhythm, and the people stretch out their hands in

ecstatic worship "I heard about this from a neigh-bor and came out, and I like it." said a middle-aged woman. "I go to the Ortbodox church as well, but everything there is so complicated, with the priests and icons. Here everything is from the Bible, everything is understandable, and these pastors are so nice. We feel we're

welcome here." Religion - condemned by Karl Marx as the opiate of the people and relentlessly battled by the Soviet state - has come back to Russia with a vengeance, filling stadiums. theaters, and airwaves and sending the Russian Orthodox and established Protestant churches scurry-

ing to the state for protection. At the Locomotive Stadium. more than 20,000 Jehovah's Witnesses from around the world gather - Koreans in traditional dress, Americans handing out ball-point pens to puzzled Russian children. young Siberian men in new black suits. They stand and applaud for more than an hour as 2,000 necobytes in bathing suits take turns being baptized in three portable ing pools. In contrast to the usual behavior at Locomouve, nobody smokes, nobody curses, no-

body is drunk. On a Sunday morning, Jimmy Swaggart, Pat Robertson, and other evangelists preach from adjacent television channels, and a Japanese mystic occasionally buys air time; saffron-robed devotees of Hare Krishna weave down the Arbat mall, and disciples from the Reverend Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church quietly work the schools and insulutes and recently organized a seminar in the Ministry

Finnish and American preachers from the Campus Crusade for

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of the Interior.

muoes under the name "Semva"

("Family"). An estimated 1,000 foreign missionaries and 50 foreign organiza-tions have come to Russia over the last three years, armed with free literature, dollars, fire and brim-

When Russia started to open, we wanted to get in as quickly as possible.

Peter Youngren. founder of the Moscow Christian Center

stone. Nobody knows how many adherents they have - filling a stadium is on great feat among people still intrigued by anything from abroad, especially not with the bold advertising, free admission, free Bibles, rock bands, and the

him of foreign travel.
Mr. Moon's Unification Church is said to have lured people to in-doctrination sessions in the United States in the guise of conferences.

A representative of the Unification Church in New York said that the church paid to send about 500 Russians to New York for a 40-day conference last summer. But be said indocurination was not the purpose of the program.

In Russia, the number of fullhundred to make a formal commitment: "If you only come for heal-

ume members is probably a small fraction of those who attend the various revival meetings. At the October Theater, Mr. Wilcox exhorted the attendance of several

ings and miracles and don't get involved in a local church, Christ can't protect you," he declared.

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In Kansas City, Joy as Flood Crest Passes Harmlessly

By B. Drummond Ayres Jr.

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New York Times Service KANSAS CITY, Missouri - The Missouri and Kansas rivers, rising in modely concert to the highest crests known, worked their worst on the levees and flood walls of this city and neighboring Kansas City.

Except for a few minor leaks, the protective berms and barriers held off the onslaught. At least for the

"We just might have won," said Larry Black, a water-flow specialist for the National Weather Service, looking over river readings that documented the

"We could still get another surge or two if it rains, and you never know when one of those soggy levees is going to give way." he added, "But at first reading, it looks like we just might have won." If so, the victory will go down as one of the lew

nine Midwestern states with the great deluge of 1993. Elsewhere, the flooding has been - and continues to be — just about the worst ever experienced in this part of the country, causing at least 43 deaths, driving more than 50,000 people from their homes and dam-

aging or destroying at least \$12 billion in crops, buildings and possessions. Other Missouri cities, like St. Louis, Jefferson City and Ste. Genevieve, still face major flooding threats. And farms and villages in many parts of Kansas, lowa and Illinois are still under water.

Still, Kansas City seems to have escaped for the moment and that was all that mattered to Charlie Sntera, owner of Sutera's Restaurant, as he looked out the door of his establishment Tuesday afternoon toward one of the straining levees at the convergence of

the Missouri and Kansas. The water was within inches of the top. But for

the first time in days, it was not getting any higher.

The police told us we'd better head for higher then begins to fall.

The police told us we'd better head for higher then begins to fall.

House Yotes Flood Aid over. I believe the worst is over. I'm a born optimist. I'll stick and trust that levee and use the rest of the day to get ready for tomorrow. Got some painting to do that I've been puttiog off. You get a break, you take

Disaster officials warned that while the two rivers that merge here appeared to have peaked, the river levels would not start dropping for at least another

Officials added that passing summer thunderstorms might cause a quick surge or two on either or both of the rivers over the oext several days.

"When you're dealing with a river erest, you just take it one day at a time," said George Hanley, chief spokesman in Kansas City for the United States Army Corps of Engineers. "A big crest doesn't drain off in

The House of Representatives narrowly approved a 52.74 billion relief package for Midwest flood victims on Tuesday, resolving five days of mostly partisan wrangling in favor of Democrats, who insisted that emergency aid took priority over cutting the budget deficit. The New York Times reported from

The politics of flood relief had little to do with Washington. cresting flood waters, battered levees or submerged com fields. Not a single Republican or Democratic lawmaker argued against helping those who are suffering, but members disagreed sharply over how and

when to pay for federal relief efforts, which could reach \$10 billion. The bill goes to the Senate, where Republican leaders have said they have no problem with it.

Ms. Myers sought to dispel any notion that Mr. Clinton had a sense of foreboding. "The president did not have any inkling that Vince was about to go kill himself," she said.

The disclosure of the July 19 telephone call from the president nevertheless added to a picture that suggested a number of Mr. Foster's friends had become concerned about him shortly before he was found dead last week of a gunshot to the head.

* POLITICAL NOTES*

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton telephoned Vincent W. Foster Jr. the night before he committed suicide to part because he

had learned the deputy White House counsel was "having a rough

The statement, confirmation of a report in Newsweek magazine.

appeared somewhat at variance with a previous White House asser-

tion that no one had known Mr. Foster was feeling troubled. But the

White House press secretary. Dee Dee Myers, said the president had

been aware only that it had been a difficult week for the office of the

"There was absolutely no reason to think that Vince was despondent," Ms. Myers said. "Nobody believed that." She said later that

the president had invited Mr. Foster and his wife, Lisa, to watch a

movie with him but that Mr. Foster declined during the course of

White House counsel, where Mr. Foster was the No. 2 official.

Clinton Knew His Aide Was Feeling Blue

time" at work, the White House said

The counsel's office was subjected to criticism for not detecting problems in some of Mr. Clinton's nominations for top jobs. (WP)

Hard Choice: Stress on Health Care or Trade

WASHINGTON - Just as the Clinton administration was forced to drop health care reform to focus on the hudget battle in Congress earlier this year, the White House soon may find itself making a similar choice between health care and the North American Free

The White House still hopes that both health care reform and the free trade pact can be squeezed through Congress by the end of the year, but some lawmakers are saving that would create such a political logiam in the fall session that both proposals would be copardized.

Quote/Unquote

President Clinton, announcing plans to make it tougher for immigrants to enter the United States: "This has nothing to do with our support for keeping the rambow and the melting pot of America support for keeping the randow and the support for keeping the randow and strengthening this country, going and growing and enriching and strengthening this country.

Republican Wins in Arkansas Over a Former Clinton Aide

The Associated Press LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas - A Baptist minister has oarrowly defeated a former aide to President Bill Clinton in an election for lieutenant governor, making him the only Republican in Arkansas to

hold a statewide office. With 98 percent of the state's 2.064 precincts reporting, the Reverend Mike Huckabee had 145,363 votes, or 51 percent, to 140,587 for

the former Clinton aide, Nate Coulter.

Arkansas has been without a lieutenant governor since Decem-ber, when Jim Guy Tucker became governor after Mr. Chinton was elected president.

Mr. Huckabee, a 37-year-old Baptist minister from Texarkana, is former president of the 490,000member Arkansas Baptist State Convention... He had campaigned against

what he called the state "political machine" controlled by Demo-Mr. Coulter had said there could

be "gridlock" at the statehouse if the governor and lieutenant governor were from different parties. Mr. Coulter, a 33-year-old law-

yer from Little Rock, served as counsel for Mr. Clinton, as lawyer for the state Democratic Party and as head of a commission that studied election reform.

Gallows Humor Case A Few Democrats Smile on Death Order Stirs Furor Hold Budget Key By Sam Howe Verhovek New York Times Service HOUSTON — Charles J. Hearn, a Texas state judge, has been

Some 'Yes' Votes Lean to 'No'

By David E. Rosenbaum New York Times Service

> WASHINGTON - As negotiators tried to resolve differences in the House and Senate budget bills, Democratic senators and representatives who are not on the conference committee threatened Tuesday to break ranks and bring President Bill Clinton's deficit-reduction package crashing down like Samson's temple.
> Senator David L. Boren, Demo-

crat of Oklahoma, who has been a thorn in President Clinton's side all year, delivered a speech in which he threatened to switch sides and vote

In the House, W. J. (Billy) Tauzin has been telling his Democratic constituents in Louisiana that he could not vote for a gasoline tax, which is sure to be part of the final

Some of the threats could be positioning in the hope of getting more ont of the conferees. But since the measure passed the House in May by only six votes, and was approved in the Senate only on the strength of Vice President Al Gore's tie-breaking vote, the presi-dent's supporters have no margin

All the Republicans in the House and Senate voted against the measure the first time and are pledged to vote against the final version.

"I'm not sure it will pass," said

Senator Joseph I. Lieberman of

Senator Joseph I. Lieberman of

'yes' than there are 'yes' votes that numbers, full-page ads, letters, you are leaning to 'no.'"

After a meeting in the office of Senator George J. Mitchell of Maine, the Democratic leader, Democratic congressional leaders and Clinton strategists said they expected the deficit-reduction mea-

sure to be approved.

The prevailing view in the Capitol is still that the final version of the bill will indeed squeak through the House and Senate next week and go to the White House for the president's signature.

A staff assistant who is keeping

close watch on how each senator plans to vote said he did not believe any of the six Democratic senators who voted against the bill the first time could be persuaded to switch. If he is right, Senator Boren holds a vote that might make or break the Clinton presidency. In his speech on the Senate floor,

Mr. Boren, who seems to have no support among his fellow Demo-crats, urged the administration to scrap what has been done up to now and start afresh in a bipartisan effort with Republicans.

Mr. Boren favors deeper spending cuts than either the Senate or House has approved. "I'm out of the 'yes' column at this point," he said in an interview.

"I remain to be convinced." Because Mr. Boren is often fickle but follows the party line in the end, his colleagues generally ignore outbursts like the one this week and cannot afford to do so:

ing of Democratic senators.

And Senator John B. Breams of Southern Democratic senator who Louisiana, an important ally of the president's, said. "There are a lot lot of people are feeling the heat." said a supports the budget package. A lot of people are feeling the heat fewer no' votes that are learning to Oh, God, I'm getting it from 300 types than these are well writes that



Judge Charles J. Hearn said he meant no disrespect.

Clinton Ponders Next Chairman of Joint Chiefs • Air Force General George

By Al Kamen

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton, who has been on easy street with his Supreme Court nominee, Ruth Bader Ginsburg. and so far with the FBI directordesignate, Louis J. Freeh, soon will confront a tricky nomination: re-placement of the Joint Chiefs chairman, General Colin L. Powell, who leaves at the end of September. Defense Secretary Les Aspio has

said privately that he realizes the head of the Pacific Command, with choice is critical, Mr. Aspin said he whom Mr. Clintoo spent several bad narrowed the field to two or hours in Hawaii this month, three possibilities.

Pentagon sources see a half-dozeo contenders, including:

The Joint Chiefs vice chairman, Admiral David E. Jeremiah, who has the advantage of being the

current No. 2. • The air force chief of staff, General Merrill A. McPeak.

· Admiral Charles R. Larson,

Marine General Joseph P.

adding a happy face to his signature for years.

signs, on thousands of court documents.

presiding at a capital murder trial."

date he is to be put to death.

The happy face appears on his driver's license, on the checks he

Now it is on an execution order, informing a state prisoner of the

The judge insists be meant no disrespect when he sent the order this

month to Robert Nelson Drew, an inmate on death row, setting his

execution for Oct. 14. The order concluded with the judge's customary

bold signature, complete with a scribbled happy face.

"It's just a signature like yours is or anyone else's is." the judge said Tuesday. "It's that simple. I'm a happy person. You've got to be a happy person. We've got too many people walking around this world with a many locks on their face."

with grim looks on their faces."

But Mr. Drew's lawyer. William M. Kunstler, said he and his client

but Mr. Drew's lawyer, william M. Kunstler, said he and his client interpreted the smiling face as callous mockery and they were outraged by it. Mr. Kunstler said he planned to ask for a new trial.

"It's like he's saying, "Have a nice death," Mr. Kunstler said, "Obviously, a man with this lack of sensitivity should not have been presiding at a capital murder trial."

The judge replied: "This is the way I sign everything, If I had put a

happy face on an order staying the execution, I am very sure Mr. Kunstler would have had no problem with that."

old Alabama man who the police said bad picked him up while

Mr. Drew was convicted for the 1983 stabbing death of a 17-year-

Mr. Hearn, 62, said the happy face was meant to symbolize his

born-again Christian faith. He is known here for saying "God bless you" as be sentences people to prison, and on a few occasions he has held hands and prayed with convicts as they are sent away.

Hoar, head of the Central Command and the Marine commander thing of a dark horse.

(Lee) Butler, who runs the U.S. Strategic Command · Army General John M. Shalikashvili, supreme allied commander in Europe, who is seen as some-

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Joseph D. Russell, to monitor civil-rights violations and run a program to train workers to avoid discrimination, the company said.

the flare major U.S. broadcast networks is diminishing.

• Restaurant and bar employees' risk of developing lung cancer is 50 to tobacco smoke in the air of their establishments, a study Journal of the American Medical Association suggests.

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3 Rival Bosnia Leaders, Maps at Hand, Discuss **Ethnic Confederation**

By David B. Ottaway

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Vashington Past Service GENEVA - The three warring factions in the Bosnian conflict discussed on Wednesday the possible creation of a confederation of three ethnic republics, and the Muslimled government came under pressure to accept the proposal of its

last-ditch attempt to work out a peaceful settlement and avoid the threat of the Bosnian Serbs to launch a final offensive to complete their military victory over the Mus-

lim-led Bosnian government. Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, anxious to see the talks succeed, sought to maintain a news blackout on the substance of discussions on a possible compromise between the Muslim demand that Bosnia remain a single multiethnic nation and that of the Serbs and Croats that it be partitioned into three ethnic republics.

But reports emanating from various conference sources said the delegations had seriously examined throughout the day maps for the ethnic division of the country within a loose confederation.

A conference spokesman, John Mills, said the second day of talks grade, the deputy chief of the UN had made "steady progress." But Protection Force, Cedric Thornhad made "steady progress." But

Serbs, whose forces control 70 per-

cent of the country. Reflecting the unhappiness of at least part of the Bosnian govern-ment delegation, Haris Silajdzic. the Bosnian foreign minister, said he had seen no real progress and

was pessimistic about the outcome. He cootended that the whole Leaders from the three Bosnian conference was based on "wrong communities have come here in a principles," namely, that the Bosnian Serbs were being rewarded for their aggression and the main vic-tims, the Bosnian Muslims, were

being asked to pay the price. It was the first time the Bosnian m-led Bosnian government.

The international mediators participated in direct talks with his Serbian and Croatian rivals over maps drawn on an ethnic basis.

■ Shelling and Fighting Artillery and infantry battles raged on in Bosnia, Reuters report-

Around Maglaj, 100 kilometers (60 miles) north of the besieged Bosnian capital, Croatian and Serbian artillery rained down on Muslim defenders, Sarajevo radio said. In Mostar, Bosnian Croats con-

At a news conference in Belthe only party that seemed to be satisfied with the general trend of scene of "fairly intense fighting."

STRIKES: Controllers Necessary

_ vo's television center. What is less

clear is who was responsible. "The Serbs say, 'lı wasn't us,' and the Muslims say. 'It wasn't us," a NATO officer said. "We have a suspicion that it was done by , the Serbs to make it appear that the Muslims were doing it to make it sppear that the Serbs were doing it. That's what we're facing here."

Should a retaliatory attack be authorized, the operation will be largely directed from Naples under the command of U.S. Admiral

Wednesday that efforts had been

made to decentralize the planning. American aircraft available to

support the UN troops include a dozen A-10 and O/A-10 attack planes at Aviano Air Base near Venice; a half dozen Navy A-6 or F/A-18 planes from the aircraft carrier Theodore Roosevelt in the Adriatic Sea; four Specter gunships at Brindisi, Italy; five tankers at Sigonella, Sicily, or Malpensa, Italy, and three EC-130 airborne-con-

and eight U.S. Marine Corps F/A- Armor-plated, these aircraft fly 18s are also available at Aviano. Slowly enough to saturate a small

NATO: Bosnia Air Cover Continued from Page 1

political nicety, partly to allow for final congressional consultations. French officials have traveled to New York to press for faster UN action in getting allied air cover, underscoring France's new readi-ness to see NATO play a larger

peacekeeping role.

Common ground between Washington and Paris - after France objected this spring to lifting the arms embargo on Bosnian Muslims has emerged in a desire for some action to display Western resolve but oot enough to encourage Bos-nia's government or challenge the Serbian leadership.

If air strikes are approved, U.S. and French officials said, they will be tightly restricted to protecting UN forces and only indirectly linked to defending the safe havens" that were included in the Security Council resolution.

As a European policymaker put it. "Now the art of intervention is timing and largeling to encourage the Bosnian Muslims to believe that the West will protect a deal they accept."

After so many broken promises to Bosnia, sterner military mea-sures could be helpful in foreshad-owing Western determination to enforce any UN-approved peace plan, including protection for a Muslim rump state.

The line that the United States and its allies seem ready to draw appears very limited, with Mr. Clinton saying that "the posicion of the United States has long been that if the United Nations troops were attacked there, we would do our part to protect them by making available air power."

Mr. Butros Ghali also indicated that military action would be confined to silencing hostile fire.

Western intervention, if restricted in this way, might actually be welcome to the Yugoslav government, helping it reign in unruly local Serbian militias now that the main Serb and Croatian objectives have been achieved in Bosnia.

NATO's readiness for air strikes has improved with the inclusion of four AC-130 Specter guoships, which would be the ideal plane for Another dozen Air Force F-16s knocking out Serb artillery bases. Mike Boorda.

They are enforcing the ban on area with their artillery and rapid-fire machine guns guided by sophisticated sensors

U.S. to Propose Ban on Nuclear Bomb Materials

By Michael R. Gordon

New York Tunes Service WASHINGTON - The United States is preparing a new arms-control proposal that would aim for a worldwide ban on the production of materials used to produce

ouclear weapons. President Bill Clinton promised during the election campaign last fall to step up efforts to slow the spread of

weapons of mass destruction. Washington has pushed diplomatic efforts to stop North Korean efforts to develop nuclear weapons and has sought to persuade Ukraine to give up its nuclear arsenal. But critics say the Clinton administration has been slow to propose a comprehensive plan.

In the coming weeks, experts hope to present a proposal to ban the production of highly enriched uranium and plutonium unless subject to international inspection.

Those materials are used to make the explosive warheads in nuclear weapons, and the purpose of the ban would be to stop the further development of nuclear

Mr. Clinton has yet to approve the plan, which covers nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons and the missiles building purposes.

effort among State, Defense, and Commerce officials and the staff of the National Security Council. Washington has begun sounding out its allies on the

While officials defend their plan as a careful balance of arms-control and diplomatic concerns, it is drawing fire from critics who complain that some elements do not go far enough. Some experts have urged a worldwide ban on the production of all enriched uranium and piutonium. Under the plan, all nations would be asked to join an international agreement to stop producing transition and

plutonium for nuclear weapons. The United States has already stopped producing such material, but Britain, China, and Russia continue production. This agreement would not prohibit West European nations and Japan from producing highly enriched uranium or plutonium for nuclear power. But the producers

would have to let the International Atomic Energy Agency

inspect such production, and ensure that excess plutonium Other nations, including South Africa, North Korea, israel, Pakistan and India would be treated differently: the United States would try to discourage them from building plants to make these materials even for civilian

JAPAN: 7-Member Coalition to End Party's Reign

Democratic Party last month to

form the Japan Renewal Party. An-

other potential candidate is Mr.

Hosokawa, who left the Liberal

Democratic Party last year to form

the Japan New Party.

The policy framework that seems

to be emerging from the "Not-LDP" talks means that Japan's

government will continue its close military and political alliance with

On economic policy, the group seems likely to take new pro-con-

sumer steps, including an income tax cut. The coalition does out plan

a quick end to Japan's ban on rice

In foreign affairs, the coalition says, it will offer much stronger

apologies and compensation than

ever before to Asian neighbors that

were savaged by Japan's r

forces in World War IL

the United States

imports, however

India, Pakistan and Israel already produce highly enriched uranium and plutonium; they would be expected to

stop all production. South Africa has said it has abandoned its nuclear bomb program, but it has a factory that can produce highly enriched uranium. U.S. officials hope to persuade South Africa to limit its production to less-enriched arani-

Experts describe the plan as a first step that, along with a ban on nuclear testing, will restrain weapons development while Washington and its allies grapple with the thorny question of how to reduce stockpiles of fissionable

Officials also say that the emerging plan is the most that the United States can hope to achieve and that asking Japan and West European nations to stop all production uranium and plutonium would be futile.

Even carrying out Washington's new plan may prove difficult. Britain, for example, has indicated that it wants to keep producing material to make warheads for its new Trident submarine-launched missiles.

And Third World nations may object to the request that they stop all production of uranium when Western Europe and Japan are not being asked to do the same.

ITALY: Grim Warning

years of unbridled corruption. The country is facing "a war against unknown people," said the culture minister, Alberto Ronchey.

Prime Minister Carlo Azeglio Clampi, who is committed to early elections to replace Italy's dis-graced elite of revolving door politicians with a more representative democracy, said the bombings were "attempts to create disorder and panic and slow the country's progress loward renewal."

Following a predawn cabinet meeting, the head of the civilian intelligence service, Angelo Finoc-chiaro, resigned. The interior minister told the Senate that Mr. Finocchiaro had quit to make it clear the service was not guilty of "deviadon." This is the term used by Italians to imply anti-government plotting by intelligence agents.

Some politicians saw a link between the attacks and the politically devastating testimony of Giuseppe Garofaco, a former chairman of the Montedison chemicals group. Mr. Garofano has told investigators how politicians and officials took \$280 million in kickbacks and bribes in the creation and sale of a chemicals joint venture called Enimons.

Two heads of the two companies

involved in the Enimont affair were found dead, apparently by suicide, last week. They were Raul Gardini the former chairman of Ferruzzi Montedison and Gabriele Cagliari, the former chairman of ENI, the state-owned energy concern. RAI-3, a state television channel, said magistrates were about to start le-gal proceedings against several ministers who served under former Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti between 1989 and 1992.

President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro, in a message to the nation, said the bombings would not be allowed to stand in the way of the corruption investigations, or to hinder the movement toward democratic re-

"We do not fear the disclosure of

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will formally be named at a special

session of the lower house of the

national Diet, or parliament, prob-

. There are nine major parties in Japan. The Communist Party, with

just 15 members in the 511-seat

lower house, fiercely refuses to

align with anybody. The Liberal

Democrats, who saw three more Diet members defect from the par-

ty Wednesday, have 220 lower house seats, 36 short of a majority.

Thus the coalition of the remain-

ing seven parties will have majority

control as long as all seven groups

The first key vote in the Diet

session will choose Japan's next prime minister. The "Not-LDP"

parties are now engaged in negotia-tions over who that will be.

be Tsutomu Hata, a political veter-

ably late next week.

stay in line.



A man in Sidon, Lebanon, running for shelter Wednesday during attacks on the coastal city by Israeli aircraft and gunboats.

BORDER: Plea by Clinton

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clear in a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Yitzhak Ra-

"We call on all the parties to take all necessary steps to end the vio-lence," he said in a statement read to reporters at a daily briefing.

"Military activities directed against all civilians should also stop," Mr. McCurry said. "We are deeply disturbed by the situation which is bringing massive refugee flows to Lebanon. The refugees from southern Lebanon must be allowed to return to their homes

The statement by Mr. Butros Ghali said: "The secretary-general has learned with alarm that a major objective of the Israeli bombing campaign in southern Lebanon is aimed at displacing the civilian population from villages in the

The seven coalition parties have Israel opened its attacks after seven Israeli soldiers were killed by tentatively agreed on an expansive package of bills that will sharply guerrillas in recent weeks in its selfchange the electoral system and the laws governing political contribu-tions. The goal is to end the dreary pattern of bribery and illegal conproclaimed security zone in southern Lebanon and guerrillas began firing rockets into northern Israel.

In Jerusalem, Chris Hodges of tribution scandals that has plagued The New York Times reported that Japanese politics under Liberal Democratic rule. only a few rockets were fired into Israel on Wednesday as the artil-While the "Not-LDP" side was lery barrage and bombing by Israel reporting agreement, the Liberal Democrats moved ahead with cootinued. plans to elect a new party president to replace the lame-duck prime

"Now we are at the stage in which we are firing toto the villages in order to cause damage to proper-ty," said General Yehosh Dorf-man, Israel's artillery commander.

in which the residents will leave the villages and go north. The aim is to stroy the villages and the houses of the activists and the locations from which the rockets are fired. A large part of the rocket-launchers were placed inside villages."

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The advertisement, covering one-third of a page, contends that Jewish industrial and financial groups surrounding the Rothschild family have taken over the rest of the world and are now attempting

to destroy Japan.

It asserts that Japan's stock market slump, the value of the yen and current political turnoil are all the work of Jews, who are said already to control the Finance Ministry and the Bank of Japan. Asked to comment on the Wiesenthal Center's complaint, Nihon Keizai said its advertising policy was founded on respect for freedom

of expression and publication. The advertised book, in three parts, is called "Hit Japan, the Last

In one of Japan's more bizarre cultural manifestations, newspapers and magazines periodically publish articles purporting to reveal the dangers that world Jewry poses to Japanese life.

Indian Leader Wins 3d Confidence Vote

NEW DELHI - Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao survived a noconfidence motion Wednesday in Parliament, where opponents had accused him of corruption and in-

competence. It was the third no-confidence motion that Mr. Rao's minority government had defeated since it came to power in June 1991. He won by a margin of 262 to 248 in the voting Wednesday; eight mem-

It appeared that managers of the governing Congress (I) Party had succeeded in splitting the 20-strong Janata Dal (A), which had announced it would vote against the government. Politicians said at least seven and possibly eight members of the Janata Dal faction had broken ranks and voted with the

Mr. Rao will now propose a constitutional amendment that would allow Parliament to ban parties or groups that promote religious ha-tred. It would also forbid candidates who won elections by introducing religious topics or symbols during campaigns from taking seats in federal and state legisla

The legislation is clearly aimed at the Bharatiya Janata Party, Parliament's largest opposition group

The motion was sponsored by a leftist coalition and supported by German Peacekeepers March to an Uncertain Trumpet BERLIN - Rarely has a nation

marched off to peace with more handwringing anxiety than Germany has shown in its current deploy-ment of peacekeeping troops in Somalia.

The German force is modest. It will grow perhaps to 1,700 soldiers by next month. The benign mission is to provide support to other United Nations troops in a pacified area near the Ethiopian border.

Nevertheless, the departure of the troops for Africa in recent days has dominated the German press and intensified debate over the country's role in world affairs.

Beyond concerns about the safety of German soldiers lies anxiety that this first tentative move into post-Cold War power politics could exceed the mission's constitutional bounds and precipitate a political crisis at home.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl is said to have assured Paris, London and Brussels that the Germans will not cut and run even if action heats up in Beledweyne, the city 200 miles (320 kilometers) north of Mogadisho where the German force has Defense Minister Volker Rühe,

during a morale-building trip to Beledweyne, suggested that Ger-many now is entitled to a louder voice in UN operations in Somalia.

But Rudolf Scharping, chief of the opposition Social Democrats, proposed that German participation in any future UN operation require a two-thirds majority in parliament - a restriction that would effectively keep the army at

Mr. Scharping asserted that Mr. Kohl's government misled parliament about the Somalia mission, which could involve combat. The German constitution forbids mili-

tary operations outside the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Polls show that the German people remain divided. In a survey published by the magazine Der Spiegel, 51 percent of those polled favored bringing German soldiers out if they come uoder fire; 42

percent disagreed. Mr. Kohl represents the faction that sees Germany shouldering an increasing burden - and more inin the community of fluence

"One thing that's very important for the Germans is to be pulled out of the niche protecting them from international responsibility," recently observed Kurt Biedenkopf. er of the Eastern state of Saxony. "Germans were oever particularly happy with Helmut Schmidt's observation that they were eco-comic giants and political dwarfs, but they felt rather comfortable

Some conservative politicians view the military activism as a barometer by which to gauge Germany's return to normality nearly half a century after World War II, according to Werner Hoyer, parlia-mentary whip for the Free Democrats, junior partner in Mr. Kohl's coalition. But there is still no accepted view of what a normal Germany should look like, Mr. Hoyer

Many officials in Bonn concur thet providing logistical support for other UN forces in Somalia is at the edge of humanitarian missions permitted under the German Constitution. Should German troops find themselves exchanging fire, the Free Democrats have signaled that they will withdraw their sup-

That could mean bringing the Germany said Wednesday. troops home - a painfully embarrassing setback to Mr. Kohl. -RICK ATKINSON

new fast-track system, the leading

United Nations refugee official in

ment expects cases that previously BONN - Germany should out dragged on for years to be completcurtail legal channels any further ed within 19 days.
for asylum-seekers rejected under a But the law ha But the law has prompted a

steady trickle of appeals to Germany's supreme court, which has suspended deportation orders against

Hans Tennfeld, bead of the Ger-

man mission of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, told German radio: "It is necessary that there should be a first court and that an appeal can then be taken to

UN Aide Backs Court Review of German Asylum Cases undermined and may have to be and that clearly shows that the changed question of whether or not there is a occd for protection needs to be lonked at much more closely. Last year almost 440,000 refu-

gees applied for asylum in Germany. Since July I, all potenoal applicants have been turned back at

The introduction of a tough new four asylum-seekers. These appeals asylum law on July I to stem a have irritated conservative politian independent second court. Half flood of refugees means the govern-Germany's land borders.

Somali Muslims, recruited to work for the United Nations, praying near an Italian military transport in the north of the country.

U.S. Reviews Refusal to Comply With Regional Nuclear Weapon Bans

By Michael Richardson

(AP, Reiders)

the right-wing Bharatiya Janata

Mr. Rao, who took power fol-

lowing the assassination of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, has re-

formed India's closed economy and

confronted a growing Hindu fun-

damentalist movement. But his

government has been paralyzed since be was accused last month of

accepting money from the key sus-pect in India's worst financial scan-dal.

International Herald Tribune SINGAPORE - The Clintoo administration is reviewing a longstanding U.S. policy of refusing to comply with regional agreements that ban the possession or storage of nuclear weapons, Western

officials said Wednesday.
Under that policy, Washington has refused for the last eight years to sign the protocol to a 1985 treaty establishing a nuclear weapons-free zone covering the South Pacific.

Washington argues that such a treaty could weaken global nuclear deterrence and, in particular, impede freedom of navigation for the U.S.

The United States also strongly opposes a plan by countries in the Association of South East Asian Nations to create a similar zone that would cover sea and air lanes used by U.S. military forces in the Pacific to reach the Indian Ocean and the ing about the nuclear issue," Mr. Wisner said.

Gulf. The ASEAN members are Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thai-

In an interview on Wednesday, Frank G. Wisner, the U.S. undersecretary of defense for policy, said the United States is reviewing its osition on the planned zone for Southeast Asia.

In a separate interview, Gareth Evans, foreign minister of Australia, said that he had been advised by a senior U.S. official thet there was "a fundamental review going on, a rethink of atti-tudes" toward the South Pacific zone.

Mr. Wisner noted President Bill Clinton's recent call for a worldwide ban on the testing of nuclear weapons and also the progress made in ouclear arms reduction in negotiations between the United States, Russia and other nations from the former Soviet Union.

There has been "literally a revolution in think-

"a fresh look at what is at stake" for U.S. interests in the proposed nuclear weapons-free zone for

Both Mr. Wisner and Mr. Evans emphasized that they did not know what the U.S. reviews would conclude and recommend.

Analysts said, however, that the end of U.S.-Soviet ouclear rivalry, the removal of all tactical ouclear weapons from U.S. warships and submarines and decisions to close U.S. bases in the Philippines has made Washington much less wary of noclear-free zones.

At a news conference Wednesday, at the end of three-day meeting of officials from 12 Asia-Pacific nations and the European Community, Ali Alatas, the Indonesian foreign minister, said that the drafting of a treaty to establish a nuclear weapons-free zone in Southeast Asia was in an

While ooting that the Cold War ouclear coofrontation was over, he said: "We are still in a world that is bristling with nuclear weapons." Making Southeast Asia an area where the manu-

facture, acquisition and storage of ouclear weapons was forbidden would help prevent the spread of ouclear arms, he said. In a closed session of the conference oo Monday, which was atteoded by Secretary of State Warren M, Christopber, the ASEAN foreign min-

isters assured the U.S. delegation that legitimate interests of powers outside the regioo would be protected in the drafting of such a ouclear-free ASEAN officials said that the treaty would preserve all existing rights of passage through

international sea lanes and airspace in Southeast Asia for foreign ships and aircraft even if they carried nuclear weapons. Individual countries in the region that signed option to develop ouclear arms.

the treaty would also be able to decide for themselves whether to allow access to their ports and airfields for foreign ships and aircraft carrying ouclear weapons, the officials said.

The U.S. will neither confirm nor deny reports that it bas nuclear weapons on ships, aircraft or In what appeared to be a significant shift io

policy, Kabun Muto, foreign minister of Japan, said Wednesday that Japan was inclined toward supporting an indefinite extension of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. Earlier this mooth, when concerns about a sus-

pected North Korean program to develop ouclear weapons were at their height. Japan refused to endorse a call by the U.S. and other industrial powers for an extension of the 1970 pact.

The Japanese position caused concern among Asian oations that Japan was leaving open an



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adaptability of a chameleon,

than 8,000 miles from his home. Such attention to detail is perhaps most often noticed in the inflight service even other airlines talk ahout. In truth, it starts with engineers like Ivan Neo And it never ends. SINGAPORE AIRLINES THE YOUNGEST, MOST MODERN FLEET IN THE WORLD.

Our man io Seattle must have an eagle's eyes,

Peace Talks or More War?

Hezbollah's Conceit

It is the conceit of Hezbollah ("Party of God"), the franian-aided terrorist group, that hy provoking Israel it can derail the Arab-Israeli peace talks. This is foolish. Hezbollah's opposition to the talks is not in doubt, but on both sides these talks express a larger official and popular commitment that is beyond the easy reach of terrorist upset.

Still, once military forces wheel into action in the Middle East, no one can he entirely sanguine about what might ensue. That is reason enough for concern about this week's violence. From their sanctuary in Syriandominated Lebanon. Hezbollah guerrillas had recently killed seven Israeli soldiers in the slice of the country that Israel controls, and had rocketed border settlements in Israel proper, Israelis responded with powerful assaults aimed at punishing the guerrillas and raising the costs to Lebanon of failing to keep its territory guerrilla-free. North and south of the border, civilian casualties have been recorded, and several hundred thousand villagers have been displaced from their homes.

A familiar pattern is evident bere. Lebanon's government, weakened by civil war and foreign intervention, cannot perform the first function of sovereignty -- controlling its own territory. If it could, there is every

reason to think that Lebanon, desperately trying to rebuild, would least the guerrillas whom Iran and Syria sponsor, in their respective fashions, on its territory.
Israel is then led to protect its borders, as

any nation would. But by taking over a slice of Lehanon for its own strategic purposes. Israel inflicts one blow on its neighbor, and by its hot and heavy pursuit of guerrillas well beyond that slice, it inflicts another blow. Israelis of the right tend to see Lebanon as Israel's to make over. Israelis of the left recall earlier wars, especially the one in 1982, and see a quagmire. But both Israeli factions support a negotiated peace.

It was helpful to have President Bill Clinton reassert the priority of the diplomatic track on Tuesday. It had already been announced that Secretary of State Warren Christopher was heading to the Middle East next week: Mr. Clinton had the secretary cut short an Asia trip to return to Washington first. The United States, eager for progress in the stalled talks, wants to maintain its standing with all the parties. But was it necessary for the president to laud the "commendable restraint" of Syria, which, although it seems to have acted soberly with its own forces, has a measure of responsibility for the guerrilla marauders who touched off this dangerous episode?

— THE WASHINGTON POST,

The Only Alternative

and rockets now raining down on civilian populations on both sides of the Israeli-Lebanese border will not blow up the Middle East peace talks. Stopping the negotiations would perversely reward the very group that trig-gered the latest cycle of violence—the radical Lenanese Party of God. whose guerrillas killed seven Israeli soldiers stationed on Lebanese soil earlier this month in a calculated effort to undermine the talks.

With that danger in mind. Damascus has prudently restrained its own forces in Lebanon even though Syrian soldiers have been killed in the fighting. Showing less restraint. Israel is deliberately trying to force tens of thousands of Lebanese civilians to flee northward, in the hope that this will somehow pressure Beirut and Damascus to crack down on the Party of God. But violence, particularly on such a large scale, can develop its own terrible momentum. Twice before, in 1978 and 1982. Israeli retaliatory raids on Lebanon escalated into higger battles, with unhappy consequences all around. Washington is thus right to take this latest crisis extremely seriously, rushing Secretary of State Warren Christopher back from Asia for urgent consultations with President Bill Clinton before

he sets off for the Middle East this weekend. Mr. Christopher's goal of revitalizing the peace talks suddenly takes on new urgency. The Isroeli, Lehanese, Syrian and Jordanian all feel they have a stake in keeping the talks going, but that may not be enough. With radi-cal Islamic rejectionists like the Party of God and Hamas working to raise the level of vio-lence, and with the talks statemated over core issues like Jerusalem and the Golan Heights, political support for peace in the region could

er put together with the smoke and mirrors he called "constructive ambiguity" must now be sustained through grit and hard work. Per-haps Mr. Christopher can help Israelis and Palestinians find a way to talk about self-government in the West Bank and Gaza with-out tripping over final territorial definitions. Maybe be can unlock Israel and Syria from their mutual insistence that the other go first in spelling out a Golan Heights deal. Even better would be a recharging of the will to compromise, worn down by months of inter-

Israeli-Lebanese frontier. The grim horror of that ulternative has properly concentrated the minds of American statesmen. May it do the same for their Arab and Israeli counterparts,

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

When Good Wishes Abet Tragic Results

P ARIS — The agony of Bosnia is trailing on. But there is no longer real doubt about its ignominious, mortifying end — if the problems of refugees, prisoners, enduring shame and ha-tred it will leave can be called an end. The Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic

put it vaingloriously but with blunt accuracy.

They are militarily defeated and we bave no argency to negotiate with them," he said of the Muslim-led defenders, suggesting that a "settle-ment" be put off to midautumn "when the warring sides define their stands."

Neither the United Nations nor any Western government has as yet admitted craven suhmis-

Aid is a temporizing response. It is not self-evident that it always does more good than harm.

sion to the forces of arms and indifference although they, too, have met with a moral and political defeat as complete as that of the sbortlived state of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

This is too near the moment of truth for

arguments about what could have, should bave, been done. They will go on for a long time after the fact. There will be no shortage of blame to go around, unevenly but for all those involved and those unwilling to get involved beyond gestures.
It is hard, though, to hear the prissy, plaintive-

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IN POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF THE FOLLOWING

BINDING RESOLUTIONS

By Flora Lewis

ly righteous claim of Secretary of State Warren Christopher that "the United States is doing all it can consistent with our intional interest." It is his job and that of President Bill Clintoo to define the national interest, and they have done so without even a dash of candor or lucidity.

Historians can worry about that. At this point, I think it is more argent to examine with painful clarity the importance and value of what the socalled international community did try to do. it was based on three widely accepted, wellmeaning assumptions. They must be opened to

question as the basis for future decisions, be-cause certainly the Bosnian tragedy will not be the last of its kind for us to ponder, Mr Christopher called it "the world's most difficult pro-blem," but he isn't tooking ahead. The first assumption, asserted by the Europe-an Community and endorsed by the United States, was that mediation and a kind of benign diplomatic massaging of the parties to a fierce dispute can produce an agreement that they have refused to reach with each other; that

merely showing an interest and urging reason will do the trick. It was already quite clear before the state of Yugoslavin fragmented that the parties were not going to resolve their conflict amicably, so that the rest of the world could tolerantly and evenhandedly take note and go its way. But many

The Way Ahead for Europe Is Back to Practicality

By William Pfaff

The second assumption was that once fighting starts the least outsiders can do — in this case, the most they wanted to do — is to provide humanitarian aid. That means food, medicine, perhaps some fuel, to keep people going. It kept the sieges and the misery and the killing going. People were grateful to survive another day, another week, that is human nature. Did it do any good, or just prolong the suffering?
That is a terrible question, but it has to be

faced. The tendency is growing to respond with "humanitarian aid" to what are essentially man-made, political problems around the world. Charitable organizations resist intervention to attack the source. They argue with evidence, that it interferes with their distribu-tion of relief and that if they have to bribe, deal with thugs, submit to robbery to get on with their effort, in Somalia as well as Bosnia, it is worthwhile because lives are saved.

It salves consciences and permits a self-satis-lying glow of generosity. How far can it go? How long can it last?

These are not responses to acts of nature — earthquakes, floods droughts — but to deliberately, humanly provoked disasters in which the

atey, humany provoked disasters in which the rewards for abuse of power are enhanced. Aid is a temporizing response. It is not self-evident that it always does more good than harm.

The third assumption was that it is useful to call on the United Nations if the humanitarian effort runs into trouble, even if UN members are not prepared to do more than try to keep supplies moving. Dispectical to exercise combersus, UN moving. Dispatched to separate combatants. UN troops have in effect protected Serbian enclaves in Croatia, freeing men to light elsewhere. They helped get some supplies through to the hungry in Bosnia, but the siege of Sarajevo has gone on for 16 mouths as a result.

for 16 months as a result.

The achievements of the blue helmets depend on the good graces of the attackers, who extract a share of supplies as the price and are prepared to block relief to the moment of utter desperation to increase their bargaining power. The United Nations has been able to exert no authority, neither military nor moral. Is the illusion that the international community is "doing something," that it is "present," enough to justify its being party to the characte?

The answers are not obvious, but it is obvious that the assumptions don't work. Comforting bypocrisy has betrayed the pretense of merciful action. It would be better to be brutally honest, and then decide what we can really stand, what. we are really prepared to offer.

. B Flora Lewis.

Is Clear: On a Brink wanted to believe that divorce in the name of self-determination was feasible, the modern, decent way of ending a domestic dispute. Now they have seen the meaning of divorce Yugoslav-style, without benefit of rules and concern for rights.

By Robert Satloff

Assad Role

WASHINGTON — Bill Clinton made a mistake in praising Hafez Assad for "commendable re-straint" in Lebanon. What is needed when Secretary of State Warren Chris-topher arrives in the Middle East to try to unlock negotiations is an effort to rein in Syrian brinkmanship.

That means making it clear that the administration is not fooled by President Assad's attempt to use force to compel Washington to take Syrian peace demands seriously, if only to avert full-scale confrontation.

Mr. Assad has again resorted to fonce by proxy as his preferred negoti-ating method. The result: The worst border violence in a decade. Mr. Assad has to be held accountable for the fighting. Behind Hezbollah — the Par-ty of God — stand two states. Iran is the spiritual and financial pillar, but material support passes through Syria; its assent is needed before local bosses

approve operations.

A heightened U.S. role as full partner in the direct bilateral talks will be symbolized by Mr. Christopher's shuttle diplomacy for the next six months. Evidently, this main goal is Syria, which has made no progress in its talks with Israel and can disrupt any advances the Palestinians

might make on their own.

Mr. Assad hopes to improve ties with America, but there is serious doubt that he will make the compromises needed to settle Syria's conflict with Israel Slogans about "total peace for total withdrawal" aside, 20 months of talks have revealed fattle about what

sort of peace he has in mind.
Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel has committed himself to a withdrawal on the Golan Heights; the extent of the pullout is based on the extent of peace. The next move is Mr. Assad's, but for 10 months he has not made it. He wants what President Anwar Sadat of Egypt got fall the land) but refuses to give what Mr. Sadat gave (full peace)

Rocket fire over Israel is Mr. As-sad's way of saying that the lull is over, Syria virtually took responsibility for the attacks when its foreign minister proclaimed that Lebanon and Syria are one state and that re-

taliation against one would be viewed as retaliation against the other. The attacks on Israeli troops by Hezbollah and by the Damascusbased Popular Front for the Libera-tion of Palestine headed by Ahmad Jebril that triggered the lighting con-

Jebril that triggered the lighting con-firmed Syria's role.

The flare-up represents the latest chapter of diplomacy by force that is a tradition of Syrian negotiating strategy, When Israel and Syria were locked in negotiations, that would lead to their post-1971-war-disen-post-up agreement. Mr. Assac gagement agreement. Mr. Assad launched a war of attrition to raise the pressure on Israel.

· In the 1980s, as Israel prepared to withdraw from Lebenon and establish a security zone, Mr. Assad un-leashed Lebanese-car bombers against Israeli targets to speed up Israel's evacuation without a com-parable Syrian withdrawal. Services

Milling!

the potent mix of Katyusbas and Mr. Jebril does not signify that he is ready to make it happen.

The Syrian press has written much about Bosnia. Editorials bave pillo-ried the UN resolution setting up havens for Bosnian Muslims on the grounds that its language resembled Security Council Resolution 242, the foundation of Middle East talks.

The Syrians ask: Will Washington follow up its commitment to Middle East peace as it followed through on its promises to the Bosnians?

. After watching the debacle in Bos-nia, Mr. Assad may have concluded from the Bosnian Serbs' strategy that attack and negotiate may be the way to win what he wants without offering what is needed in return.

Because Mr. Assad wants a U.S.

dividend from the peace process even more than peace with Israel, Washington is in a strong position to my to ensure that he will view the debacle in Bosnia as an exception, not the rule. in U.S. foreign policy.

Mr. Christopher needs to convince

Mr. Assad that peacemaking and troublemaking do not go hand in hand. He needs to get the message across that Mr. Assad's alliance with fran, support for Hezbollah and patronage of Mr. Jebril are inconsistent with Syria's professed desire for peace and eagerness for U.S. inter-vention to help achieve it.

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With luck, the deadly exchanges of bombs

governments and the Palestinian negotiators,

begin to melt away before year's end.

Mr. Christopher faces a formidable challenge. He has no magic powers to create a negotiating breakthrough. Only the Middle Eastern parties directly concerned can do that. Yet he and his boss, Bill Clinton, will be held politically accountable if the talks break down.

What former Secretary of State James Bakruptions and delay.

The only alternative to negotiated peace is now spectacularly on view on both sides of the before it is too late.

A Compromise on Steel

Although the hig American steel companies are complaining hitterly, the steel import decisions may not work out badly for them. The issue is penalties on imported steel that is being illegally subsidized or dumped. In the immeate pattern of the International Trade Commission's decisions, you can discern the outline of a trade policy. No doubt the ITC will protest that it intended nothing of the sort and merely settled these cases, one by one, on the facts. If so, the hint of a purposeful policy is merely an interesting coincidence.

In another interesting coincidence, the detisions also suggest elegant diplomacy. These cases had the potential to inflame America's trading relationships with Europe and Japan, greatly damaging the chances for a successful end to the Uruguay Round of world trade negotiations. As it turns out, the European Community, if not Japan, seems moderately pleased by the outcome.

Last month the Commerce Department an-mounced that it had found subsidies or dumping in imports of several categories of steel from 20 countries. The remedies would be high tariffs as penalties, but to get them the plaintiffs also had to prove that they are actually being hurt by those imports - and not by domestic competition. The plaintiffs were 11 big integrated steel companies, with

the support of the United Steelworkers union. In all of the cases involving bot-rolled

steel, and most of those involving cold-rolled steel, the ITC found that the American companies were not in fact being burt by the imports. Those are the products in which the big companies are facing fierce competition at home from the mini-mills - nimble, lowcost operations using nonunion labor. But in most of the cases involving corrosion-resistant steel - more expensive, requiring a much higher level of technology and not produced by mini-mills -- the ITC agreed

that the imports were causing injury. The effect is to give the big American companies a substantial measure of protection at the high end of the technology scale. At the low end, the Europeans, Japanese and Brazilians are now free to come in and compere, if they can, with the mini-mills. Steel mports into the United States, incidentally, have not grown in recent years. They have been stable at a little less than one-fifth of

total American steel consumption.

The American legal procedures for settling trade disputes are inordinately costly, complex and uncertain. But in this case, even this awkward machinery has produced a useful

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

No Big Change Yet in Japan

It was hilled as the occasion when, for the light time in almost 40 years, Japan's political balance would change in a dramatic way. Yet if the general election that Japan held on July 18 was dramatic, then watching paint dry has a great future as a speciator sport.

The big loser was the main opposition group, the Social Democrats, and not the government: the ruling Liberal Democratic Party lost its overall majority, but is still three times bigger than any other party and is likely to dominate a coalition government.

Put the opposition forces together, and you have the potential for the end of the LDP's

monopoly on power. The next battles will determine whether that potential can be turned into an actual, and dramatic, change. The only clear outcome of the election was that the old alternative government, the Social Democrats (who are really socialists), took a clobbering, What remains is to build another, credible alternative to the old order. It could be fashioned out of the new parties. It could emerge through further fractures in the LDP. It could eventually be created, after another general election, by a party not yet in existence. It could even be created by a new-look Liberal Democratic Party. The forces for change are there; the first, subtle steps have been taken.

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danger now is grievous enough for some in Brussels to forecast the colto determination by governments,

creation of a single European market at the start of the 1990s, the succes-sive steps in building Europe all were

within the power of governments to carry out. They may have been com-

plicated and difficult, but they were

matters that parliaments and officials.

lapse of European unity itself, if cur-However, European union surely does not depend on currency union. could vanish. A gradual It rests on a political commitment to decline could follow.

Unity has been constructed by four decades of eminently practical steps in economic integration, which have brought political integration with them. The plan for monetary union was meant to be the biggest of these steps, but it has proved the unluckiest one — unlucky because uncharacteristic, a departure from be marketplace.

successful precedent. Monetary union was an uncharacteristic and imprudent step because it involves matters that governments cannot control. From coal and steel industry unification in the 1950s to

WASHINGTON — Writing about Lihya's efforts to evade punishment for the bombing

of Pan Am Flight 103 hrings an unexpected gain. It has put me in

touch with an exceptional group of

Americans around the country

whose sense of right and wrong.

and displays of raw emotion, con-

trast sharply with the sophisti-cated, results-oriented behavior

of the Washington establishment

and friends of Pan Am passengers and crew members who perished

over Lockerbie. Scotland, on Dec.

The bombing of Pan Am

against America as well

21, 1988. Many have dedicated

themselves to making sure that

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These lamilies pursue justice

more than they pursue venneance.

even if that emotion is not totally

absent from their thoughts. Their

lives have been scorched - some

say destroyed - hy the Lockerbie

crime, the enormity of which sur-

The Pan Am hombing set off the

most wide-ranging international

criminal investigation in recent

history. It sent America's premier nirline into terminal bankruptey.

It has provoked more debate and

action within the U.S. government

and the United Nations - which

have demanded that Liova turn

over two men charged with carry-

ing out the bombing - than any

other individual foreign terrorist

Pan Am 103 appropriately serves

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103 was a crime

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DARIS - Self-inflicted wounds

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of foresight.

The European Monetary System has in recent days been battered

again by speculators, but this bas also

been a consequence of the plan's own overreaching ambition — an amhi-

tion that the European governments

reacy union eventually goes.

European reconciliation.

are the worst, and Western Eu-

uncalculated ambition and failure

could order to be done, in the confi-dence that they would be done. except incompletely and indirectly, The Community's morale

as the eventual result of economic as well as fiscal policy decisions that are then subjected to popular and political reaction and the forces of

Relative currency values are sub-ject to variables in the interactions of national economies with different characteristics and different problems, existing at different stages in the economic cycle or in different stages of development. It is, for example, reasonably clear

The Case Is About More Than Money

By Jim Hoagland

1980s in John Updike's Pulitzer

Prize-winning novel. "Rabbit at Rest." Mr. Updike implicitly sug-

gests that an American era of being dominant and at ease abroad came

I "knew" all those things. But

I had not added them up and realized that the crime of Pan Am 103

is a giant vortex of emotion, poli-

ties and money, sucking nations,

families and individuals into a de-

stabilizing swirl that is far from finished. The families of the 259

victims live permanently at the

center of that vortex; but none of

us interested and involved in

America's role in the world escape

Money is at the root of the latest

phase of the Lockerbie case. Some

of the victims' relatives called my

attention to what they see as an attempt to buy them off to end

their relentless putsuit of the Liby-ans. That notion enrages them, None of us can feel what the

families have suffered, no matter

how hard they try to make us do

just that. They will always seem

too emotional, obsessive about

their losses and difficult to deal

with from an outsider's "rational"

perspective. A day in any police

court will demonstrate what I

mean. Pan Am 103 is superficially

a homicide case writ large in the

Susan Cohen, Rosemary Wolfe, Stephanic Bernstein and others

persuaded me otherwise. Each had

a piece of the puzzle of what the

lawyers who were offered \$1.5 mil-

As a savereign government, Lib-va cannot be sued by the families

or anyone else without Libya's permission. The families bove sued

Pan Am's insurer. A judgment that could eventually lead 10 awards

lion to take the Libvan case.

hvans wanted done by American

skies above Scotland.

the pull of this crime.

to an end with this attack.

tion in Western Europe, has had to keep its interest rates high as well, in order to defend the franc's value in the monetary union, producing recession and unemployment in France. What suits the one economy dis-comfits the other. Neither government can be expected indefinitely to sacri-

at the moment that the French econo-

my is in fundamentally better condi-tion than the German. But Germa-

ny's interest rates are kept high

fice its national interests to those of the other government. France has until now subordinated its interest in economic relaunch and lowered unemployment to the German interest in fighting inflation, believing that the onger-term goal of an eventual common currency and France's larger po-litical interest in maintaining Germany's European integration justify the sacrifice. In principle, they undoubtedly do. However, it may be that the

sacrifice is for a mistaken purpose.

The genius of Jean Monnet and Robert Schuman in beginning Eu-

totaling \$500 million in 225 sepa-

rate cases is now on appeal in the 2d U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals

Secondly, the United States gov-

ernment controls \$958 million in

Libyan assets, frozen under eco-nomic sanctions enacted in 1986 to-

punish Libya for supporting inter-

national terrorism. Is Libya hiring U.S. lawyers to belp in unfreezing

those assets so that part can be paid to the Pan Am families?

The outlines of such a deal were conveyed to Lee S. Kreindler, the

New York lawyer who represents

the largest number of Pan Am vic-tims' families, on July 12. Mr. Kreindler describes in convincing detail a Libyan offer that would

zen Libyan dollars to the families

trials for the two wanted Libyans

in a country other than the United

States or Britain.

Mr. Kreindler turned the deal

down, saying that his clients con-

sidered it an outrage. He also ex-

pressed concern that offers of a

deal with Libya could underent his

The families I spoke to are de-

termined to seek justice instead of

pursuing will-o-the-wisp Libyan offers. Their anger at Washington

insiders who see the Libyans as

just another (wealthy) client to be represented or a diplomatic prob-

lem to be solved burns intently.

"The families drive us nuts." a

senior U.S. official says. "But they are very effective and keep pushing

us to bring the Libyans to justice

As upset as I get with them; I'm glad they are there."

a crime against America as well as against these individual Americans.

They have thought seriously about

the effect on society at large of crimes that are clear but go unpun-ished. Now so should the rest of us:

The Washington Past.

The bombing of Pan Am 103 was

pending case against Pan Am.

they would in effect condone

located in New York.

pose practical steps of obvious common advantage and let the larger consequences flow from that. Cur-rency anion, like the measures of political and security policy unification contained in the Maastricht treaty's because of the inflationary threat to-Germany created by the unrealistic program for further Buropen into learns on which the West-Gelman - gratient has been an attempted make reconomy was united with the quasit. A high programmatic least formun economy with the details to be filled in step the formula for the least of the step man method. It hasn't really worked.

This has been a very bad year for European integration. The fiasoo. over Yugoslavia, the appalling failure of the Europeans to take any coherent initiative to halt the war and the atrocities, plus the political drama provoked in Designak, France and Britain by the Masstricht treaty debate, and Britain's exit from the European monetary union, followed: by speculative international attack upon currencies still in the mion have all produced Puropean division in place of union.

It is possible that this will continue. The danger is not of some drainastic collapse. It is rather that the Community's morale will vanish, and that a result decline will follow. Description

a gradual decline will follow- Despite the fact that the Community's members have an interest in its continued existence, which far outweighs any na-tional interest that might be served by its dissolution, it is imaginable that the forces of disintegration, which are considerable, will exentually prevail. The Maastricht proposals might prove to have been the beginning of the end, not the new beginning that they were intended to become.

However, unlike the value of 12

currencies, this is within the power of governments to decide. Do the West Europeans push aside these big and supposedly visionary programs for all-or-nothing union, and get back to the practical work by which European union has until now been constructed?

Or do they turn inward again, to their separate national interests?

The answer will be of great interest to the United States as well as to Europeans, since the United States has in more than a-symbolic sense been Europe's 13th member -ally of the other 12, promoter of this union which, until now, has seemed the guarantor of European peace, generator of a common prosperity.

International Herald Tribune. C Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: China Prepared

LONDON - The attitude of China in respect to the Siamese question is put into defininte shape in a despatch from Pekin to the Standard: "While the Chinese Government is not likely to attempt to enforce its rights as nom-inal suzerain of Siam to the extent of intervening so long as the scene of conflict is limited to the Menam and Lower Mekong, I can state positively that it is fully determined to uphold its dominion on the upper Mekong, and that if France encroaches above 21 degrees of north latitude she will find China in her path."

1918: Concrete Vessels

NEW YORK — "Concrete vessels which the Emergency Fleet Corporation is building are twenty percent lighter than the wooden ships, and will be coated with a substance which will make them as durable as steel vessels." asserts the chief engineer of the Concrete Ship Division of the

corporation. "We are assured that concrete ships will last a minimum of several years without any protection. The aggregate from which this new concrete is made is so light that it floats on water, and yet it makes a kind of concrete possessing twice the strength of that used in ordinary building construction."

1943: No Escapes WASHINGTON - [From our New

York edition:) Addressing the nation and the world by radio. President Roosevelt declared tonight [July 28] that we shall not settle for less than total victory" in a war in which the "first crack in the Axis has come." He reiterated that the United Nations' terms to Italy remain the same as to Germany and Japan — "unconditional surrender." As for the ousted Mussolini, he asserted: "He and his Fascist gang will be brought to book and pun-ished for their crimes against human-ity. No criminal will be allowed to escape by the expedient of resignation."

O P I N I O N

When America's Politics Gets Nasty

WASHINGTON — This past week-end, my colleague David Von Drehle reported the reflections of the Ar-kansas friends of Vincent Foster Ir. President Bill Clinton's deputy counsel who apparently committed sincide. It was a ton and the American style of politics that might have pushed Mr. Foster to make what one person who knew him well called.

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"the only bad decision of his life." Mr. Foster's friends were not looking for glih explanations of the intensely private despair that pushes a person to take his own life. Rather, they were asking a prior question: Why has politics become such a nasty and often inhuman business?

It's a good question, even though meanness in politics is no recent innovation. Matters have worsened. The polls show that Americans trust people in pub-lie life much less than they did 30 years ago. Campaigns have always been rough, but politics now runs to permanent invective, in season and out.

The politics of nastiness has no single source, but it is rooted in the fact that the country is passing through a series of crises for which neither the politicians nor the idea mayens on whom they rely have satisfactory answers.

No one, for example, fully understands how to deal with the global economy's impact on living standards. Nor is it clear what steps would genuinely transform the lives and aspirations of inner-city kids trowing up in the smidet of projects. growing up in the midst of violence, family eakdown and joblessness.

One could multiply these examples, but failures, factory closings. But if it's not the point is that politicians are in a bad your calamity, you can write off these

By E. J. Dionne

spot when it comes to promising what they usually have to promise: that they will cure whatever ails us. The late Sam moving article that kept coming back to Ervin once said that when both the evithe search for what it was about Washing deace and the facts are against lawyers. dence and the facts are against lawyers, they pound the table. When the answers escape politicians, they pound each other,

often viciously. It is easier to call Bill Clinton and Ted Kennedy (or George Bush and Newt Giagrich) scoundrels or worse than to admit that the problems at hand are hard to solve and that it will require a lot of experimentation - and, yes, some public

even partial answers.

When politicians are not assailing each other, they feel obligated to duck and evade — which deepens the cynicism that feeds the nastiness. Republicans don't really want to argue streamously that they oppose raising taxes on the wealthy, so they pretend there is an easy way to believe the hidden of the best people in politics; the philoseness had a supposed to the philoseness of the best people in politics; the philoseness had a supposed to the philoseness of the best people in politics; the philoseness of the best people in politics; the philoseness of the best people in politics; the philoseness of the best people in politics. ance the budget. Democrats don't want to

Voters encourage this behavior when they tell pollsters that half of what the government spends is wasted. This view puts voters in the convenient position where they can demand that government do more and tax less at the same time. Government is always asked to clean up after calamities - floods, hurricanes, bank

activities with epithers like "giveaways," "bailouts" and "bloated government."

There is another difficulty that may especially affect those of us in journalism. It might be called the naïvete of tough-

It is obviously naive to think that politicians are motivated only by the public good and never, ever think of things like re-election, higher office and, in some cases, their own pocketbooks. There are a lot of opportunists out there, and the grabby quest for campaign contributions that the American system requires can make even the most honest pols bend.

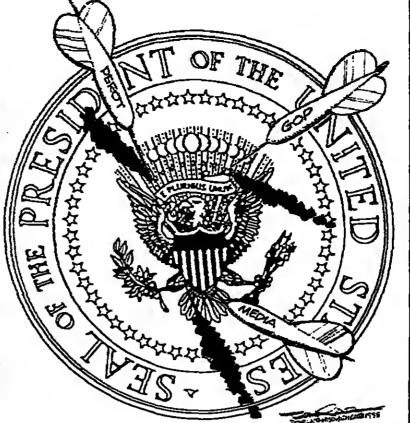
But it is equally naive (although much more popular) to think that politicians or money down the drain - to come up with their aides absolutely never, ever act from motives higher than the crass and the self-ish. Many of the conflicts in politics are explained not by corruption or even by stupidity but rather by genuine differences of opinion over — it's strange to say, I

of the best people in pulities: the philo-sophically committed activists left, right say that some of their social programs will and center. Their problem lies not in fail or have unintended consequences or deal with only part of a problem. So they oversell, overpromise—and disappoint.

and center. Their problem lies not in fighting their opponents but in demonizing them. Your adversary can't simply be oversell, overpromise—and disappoint. a woman-hater or a racist or a "quota queen." Name-calling is especially wide-spread on emotive issues like abortion, affirmative action and gay rights. But it also seeps into the more quotidian mariers of taxes, spending, trade and health care.

The issue here is not that politics

should be "nicer." Nor is there any way around the sort of fierce but necessary scrutiny of matters such as the problems



president's appointees that seemed to so dispirit Vincent Foster. But at some point, one has to ask whether the nastiness of public life is undermining the very capacity for self-government - whether

with the White House travel office or the the toll being exacted falls not only on individuals but also on the ability to reason together, which is what republican government is supposed to be about

The Washington Post

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Missing Link: Marker for Compassion Gene

Regarding "Science Ought to Stay Out of the Gay-Rights Fight" [Opinion, July 24] by Charles

Mr. Krauthammer points out that science produces facts that

are ambivalent at best. He includes the question: Does science "tell us anything at all." about how society ought to treat diabetics, alcoholics and schizo-

No. science doesn't tell us that, but what distinguishes human beings from computers and beasts is our capacity for compassion.
Diabetics, alcoholics, schizo-

phrenics and homosexuals are human beings, our brothers and sis-

French Barricades

Regarding "Bring Down Those New Bastille Walls" (Opinion, July) 12) by John Vinocua-

I disagree. No European country has ever offered-foreigners more opportunities than France. Out of hundreds of cases of immigrants who did well in France, just think of two Italians: Yves Montand and Pierre Cardin. But now it is impossible for France to absorb people from so many different cultures. France is entitled to defend its old national identity.

WALTER MACCOTTA Rome.

Nowhere in the article does Mr. Vinocur mention France's large sors, all of whom vowed at the

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THE Manhattan neighborhood

known as Greenwich Village,

George Chauncey writes in an es-

say on homosexual life there, over

the years "came to represent to the rest of the city what New York as a

whole represented to the rest of

the nation: a peculiar social terri-

tory in which the normal social

constraints on hehavior seemed to

have been suspended and where

men and women built unconven-

tional lives outside the family nex-

The Village has been home to visionaries and poets, radicals and

eccentrics, not to mention frauds,

Rungers University Press.

Reviewed by Jonathan Yardley

ters, and we should love them. LEONARD NALENCZ

Richmond upon Thomes, England. Regarding "The Gay Gene: Rights Boon or Portent of Danger?" (July 19) by Natalie Angier:

The writer states that "liberals. who in the past dismissed a genetic explanation for such traits as intelligence, find themselves embracing the idea that sexual orientation is innate." I never met a liberal who rejected the idea that parents' genes had an influence on the IQ parameters of their offspring. Which liberals, and how far back in the past, - did the writer have in mind?

RICHARD WILSON. Mobile, Alabama.

unemployed population. With un-employment so high, it would be folly not to expel illegal immi-grants. Furthermore, not only should France, come down hardon illegal immigrants but it abouldalso come down hard on those. people who hire them.

PETER ADAMS.

Reform in Seoul

Regarding "Kim the Reformer Is (Opinion, July 10) by Donald Kirk: five-year term. In many respects, the new president of South Korea, Kim Young

Sam, is different from his predeces

outset to root out corruption but Kurils: Yes, but . . .

ended up giving in.
First, Mr. Kim was born to an affluent family, in contrast with former Presidents Park Chung Hee, Chun Doo Hwan and Rob Tac Woo, who came from impoverished backgrounds. Thus, as even his critics concede, Mr. Kim's political ambitions have not been

guided by a hunger for money. Second, he has been a lifelong democrat struggling for democra-cy in South Korea. His predecessors, each of whom had a military background, came to power by military means. Some foreign analysis, includ-

ing Mr. Kirk, express concern about the possibility of a coup by disgruntled groups. But since he became president Mr. Kim has weeded out generals found to have been corrupt. The key military commanders in South Korea today are those who were exclud-ed from the inner circle of previ-ous regimes. Ordinary soldiers, the grass roots of the army, are pleased with Mr. Kim's moves. A handful of interest groups are certainly dissatisfied with his drive for reform, but recent opinion polls indicate that more than 90 percent of South Koreans sup-port him. The anti-corruption drive also is designed, in the long run, to help develop a healthy business environment free of red tape. The question is how much President Kim can do in a short.

YANG DONG CHIL,

whether the bohemian atmosphere

Regarding "Russia Agrees to Talk With Japan About Kuril Is-lands" (July 9) by Steven Brull:

Few would question the fact that Kuril Islands should be returned to Japan. As Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa told President Boris Yeltsin: "Complete normalization of Japanese-Russian hilateral relations would open up great prospects for necessary cooperation, not only bilaterally but also for cooperation

in the Asia-Pacific region." But this land-for-money deal is related to World War IL During that period Japan committed war crimes all over Asia. Nazi Germany did the same in Europe. The difference is that the Germans apologized to the world for what they did. Return the land to Japan. Get aid from Japan. But if Japan is eager to improve cooperation in the Asia-Pacifie region, obtain something more: Official apologies to the Asian men and women whose parents were murdered, tortured, raped and exterminated by

These official apologies would not burt the Japanese people's feel-ings, as many Japanese are fully that period, and of who was re-

PASCAL DAUMAS.

The obvious intent of the editorial "Secure the 'Safe Areas' (June 14) is to put the blame on Crostia and the Croats of Bosnia for the

majorette) domos of bars and res

taurants, but they had in common

preoccupation with promoting the names and fortunes of the entre

prensurs in question rather than creating anything of lasting value and/or influence.

In fact, as a number of these

essays indicate, artistic activity

both actual and bogus is a relative-ly minor part of the Village's past. Readers unfamiliar with the history

of New York City are likely to find

Village's distant past than those

dealing with matters of more recent vintage, for in these pieces we are

granted a few glimpses of a "sleepy country town" that evolved over

northern border of Washington Square, the Village bears virtually

no resemblance to the place that

sponsible (or it.

war in Bosnia. First of all, the form from which to attack Israel

P. RAJIC.

Croats of Bosnia did not reject the

Bosnian government's declaration

of independence more than a year

ago but rather participated in it along with the Muslims. Croatia

also has taken in more than

200,000 Bosnian exiles, the major-

first to defend the territorial integ-

rity of Bosnia against Serbian ag-

gression through the Croatian De-fense Council forces when no

Bosnian army existed. Croats were

the first to sign the Vance-Owen

Regarding "Mideast: All Stand to

Shibley Telhami lists Lihya's au-

thorized pilgrimage by private citi-

zens to Jerusalem as a symptom of

improvement. That pilgrimage turned out to be a calculated plat-

and Muslims signed reluctantly.

No Change of Heart

Gain" (Opinion, June 14):

The Croats of Bosnia were the

ity of whom are Muslim.

and Saudi Arabia, to the deep embarrassment of the Israeli govern-TESSA L. AUMAN.

Jerusalem. Saint-Exupéry's Math

In response to "350 Years Later, Math Conundrum Bites the Dust' (June 25):

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, the famous French writer, was a fan of mathematics. In April 1943, a few months before being downed over the Mediterranean, he had lunch with me in an Algiers histro. Knowing my training in math, he wanted to show me that he had solved the Fermat riddle. He started writing a series of equations on a paper napkin. Unfortunately, I had to stop him halfway: There was a mistake in his calculations. My own mistake was not to have kept the paper napkin with its pre-

ISIA LEVIANT.

Spreading It Around In the Sweaty Family

By Ron Nyswaner

Paramount Pictures decided to do something quite nice for several people connected to its new film "The Firm," The studio bought new \$100,000 Merceles-Ben: 500 SL convertible twoseaters for the filmmakers and star. "The attempt is to make this o warmer ond more human place. where people feel part of a fam-ily," | Paramount Chairwoman Sherry | Lansing said.
—The New York Times, July 12

N EW YORK — The other morning, 1 stopped into Bridget's Press and Go to pick up my dry cleaning. The air conditioner was down, the place smelled like formaldehyde. Sweat covered Bridget's forehead as she heaved my elothes off the motor-ized rack. I could see she was working hard, really hard.

I felt something. Gratitude. guilt. I decided then and there, I

MEANWHILE had to let Bridget know she was

appreciated.
"That's \$35," she said, holding out a hand muscled from years of tying hangers together with twisty-ties. It occurred to me that

Bridget was merely doing her joh and being well paid for it. Wasn't that appreciation enough? "We fixed the hem of your trousers," she said. "No charge."

There it was: She had gone the extra mile. Strangers do only what they have to do, but Bridget had done more than I had asked. the way your family is supposed to do more than is required. I realized, Bridget was family. "Take my Rolex," I said.

"What?" She was confused. But I wasn't. I was opening my arms to a member of my extended family. It was a small gesture but one that would turn the sweltering dry cleaning shop into a warmer, more human place. "I want you to know I appreciate what you've done," I said. Bridget seemed moved, but

she didn't take the watch. "Mr. Nyswaner ... " she began.
"Please," I interrupted, "Call me Ron. No. call me Ronnie Lee." It's what my mother had called me until my 13th birthday. I'd always hated the name, hut hatred is also a family feeling. "You're working so hard. Bridget I insist."

"I'm not working that hard," she said. "Not as hard as Tim." She pointed to a young man on a ladder, his head swallowed up hy the silent, 20,000 Btu air-conditioning unit. His uniform was soaked through with sweat. He

was working very hard. "Usually, I've got air-con-ditioning." Bridget continued, "even when it's 105, But think of Tim. He never gets to work in airconditioning, since it's his job to fix the air conditioner."

She had a point, "Tim?" "Huh?" echoed from the unit. "I want you to take this." I held out the \$300 watch, "Because you work so hard, and I want you to know I appreciate it."

"Wait a minute, damn it Tim's sleeve was caught on a Freon tube. So I returned my attention to Bridger, still concerned about showing my appreciation for the repaired hem. I handed over the keys to my truck.

"It's red." I said, apologetical-"But if you don't like red, I'll pay to have it repainted. Your spouse can choose the color."

At that moment, Bridget's spouse. Irving, backed away from a press. His face beet-red. I could ee that Irving was working hard.

"Does it have a driver's side airhag?" Irving asked, Finally. someone was getting into the family spirit!

Just then Armand, my plumber, stepped into the shop to pick up his head-to-toe protective jumper that filters out the asbesfibers floating around my crawl space. Here I was drawing Bridget and Irving and Tim into my family, and I had completely forgotten Armand! It was one of those awkward moments.

I'll never forget the look on Armand's face when I handed over the deed to my house.

Later, standing on the highway holding my dry cleaning, homeless, without a vehicle, I reflected with satisfaction on my new, extended family. The sun was beauing down as I stuck out my thumh to hitchhike to God knows where, but at least I was finally beginning to feel warm and hu-man. Really, really warm.

Mr. Nyswaner, screenwriter of the forthcoming film "Philadel-phia," contributed this tale to The New York Times,

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THERE were some major sur-I prises in the European Cham-pionships, sponsored by Generali, an Italian insurer, which ended last month in Menton, France. It was not surprising that Poland won the open title, but neither France, the reigning Olympiad champions, nor leeland, the reigning Bermuda Bowl champions, did well enough. A minor consolation for the French was that one of their players. Mi-chel Lebel, played one of the best hands of the championships. Ou-the diagramed deal, played against Slovenia, he played in three notrump after a Jacoby transfer response by his partner, showing

and South ducked again in dommy. East won with the king and played a third round of diamonds to the ace. This established two

winners in the West hand and was

nity and defeated three no-trump, gaining 10 imps.

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opportunists and cheats; it is, as the editors of this useful if incomthe editors of this useful if incom-plete volume write, "one of the been celebrated, or notorious, is world's most noted centers of dif-anything more than mere atmosphere. Is the Village a place where serious art and writing are accom-plished, as well as serious political As both New Yorkers and visitors know, the Village is also a place of considerable physical charm. Centered on Washington and social action, or is it just a place where going through the mo-tions of bohemia and cashing in on their tourist appeal are of greater consequence than the art upon

BOOKS

Square, it has managed to retain a relatively low skyline by contrast with those immediately to its north and south, thereby achieving archi-tectural and aesthetic as well as which its reputation rests? Although these essays describe at length the intellectual history of cultural difference: For tourists it is the Village, they do not in fact contain a great deal of evidence to indicate that it has contributed as an obligatory stop, offering as it does a glimpse of the bohemian life; some of them return to set up much to American culture as the their own lives as Villagers, in the authors would have us believe.

H. I. Mencken inclined to the view that "the Village, like the Paris Left Bank, was much less literary ed and mourned in the fiction of process reinforcing the truism that it is to outsiders rather than to native New Yorkers that the Village has always most powerfully or artistic than sexual," a judgment that this volume does little to refute. Certainly there have been apart from the houses along the appealed.

An important and interesting question about the Village, one that is addressed only glancingly in these essays and photographs, is

By Alan Truscott

The diamond opening lead, using a fifth-best style, was ducked in dummy and South dropped the nine under East's queen. East feared that South held the diamond jack and shifted to a heart, a timid decision that proved fatal. South finessed the heart queen, losing to the king, and West had lost a crucial entry. He reverted to diamonds

was available as an entry.

In the replay the French defenders led diamonds at every opportu-NORTH (D) ♥ Q 12 ♥ 19 9 8 6 5

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apparently good enough to beat the contract. But Lebel was ready with a stunning play. On the third dia-mond lead he discarded his heart ace. He continued by leading the heart ten from the dummy, driving out the jack, and scored the rest of the tricks easily. Dummy's hearts were established and the club ace

long forgomen, having made no to be found here, but within its marks more lasting than the limits this is an informative, inter-ephemera to which their lives were esting book. devoted; these endeavors ranged from presiding over salons to inventing cults to serving as major (or The Washington Post.

writers, artists and others who have

ged to reside in the Village

Village, this one included, is populated by the likes of Mable Dodge, Jane Heap, Elsa von Freytag-Lor-inghoven, Guido Bruno, Clara Tice, Romany Marie, Tiny Tim, Julian Beck and Judith Malina.

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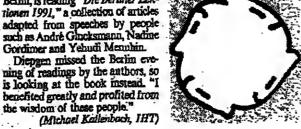
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There are more stories to be told about Greenwich Village than are to be found here, but within its

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• Eberhard Diepgen, mayor of Berlin, is reading "Die Berliner Lektionen 1991," a collection of articles adapted from speeches by people such as André Gincksmann, Natine Gordiner and Yehudi Menuhin. Diepgen missed the Berlin evening of readings by the authors, so

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Rain Forests: Destruction Is Not New

By Carol Knesuk Yoon

UERTO VIEJO DE SARAPIQUI, Costa Rica - For decades, La Selva, a lush dripping jungle filled with towering trees and swinging vines, has served as the quintessential example of the pristine rain forest, untouched and unchanged for millennia. But scientists who have begun to look more closely into the history of the world's rain forests say they are finding clues that this one and others like it are not the stable museums of biodiversity they were thought to be.

In the very forests hiologists have long prized as pristine, pot shards and the remnants of ancient crop fields are now turning up. And ecologists say they are being forced to reformulate their ideas about how the world's rain forests came to be and how best to manage

While ecologists have known for some time that many rain forests have been inhabited by humans and that these wet jungles can be burned, the idea has lived on that somewhere there remained the forest primeval, a wood that has never felt the heat of a fire or the blade of an ax. Mosi thought La Selva was such a place. And in such places presumed to be truly natural, tropical ecologists have carefully con-structed the science of what makes ese habitats tick. But oow they say all this must be reconsidered.

"This is really a grand conceptual change for ecologists from the idea that tropical rain forests are stately, stable cathedrals to recog-nizing how much they change at all different kinds of scales of time. said Dr. Deborah Clark, who shares the position of station direcmr at the La Selva Biological Sta-tion with her husband, Dr. David Clark, "There is no such thing as virginity out there."

HOUGH the view of a pristine tropics has fallen. ecologists say the oew studies are encouraging, because they suggest that rain for-ests are more resilient than scientists had thought. It seems they can fecover well from some kinds of numan disturbance. At the same

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spring back much more quickly than expected.

Ecologists will be announcing the new studies at the annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America. which begins on Saturday in Madison, Wisconsin. Meanwhile, for the first ome researchers are trying to pull together the big picture on the workings of this messy and compli-cated habitat. A new book entitled "La Selva: Ecology and Natural History of a Neotropical Rainfor-est" (University of Chicago Press), edited by Dr. Lucinda McDade and her colleagues, is scheduled to be published this fall.

Dr. Buck Sanford and his col-leagues, have provided the first data indicating that La Selva's "virgin" forest was once burned and cultivated. Dr. Sanford said the rain finest appears to have been used for slash-and-burn agricul-ture, with charcoals found in the soil radiocarbon-dated at 2,000 and 1,200 years old. Researchers have also found an old stone hearth, burial sites and tools indicating that when farmers were working this forest around A. D. 800, they were raising yucca and corn.

Dr. Mark Bush, a paleoecologist at Duke University, said La Selva's history is far from unique. He has found evidence that over the last thousands of years, humans have been burning forests to farm them throughout the New World tropics. Sifting through cores pulled from deep in ancient lake beds, Dr. Bush and colleagues have found corn pollen along with charcoal signa-tures in mud 300 to 6,000 years old. The researchers have found the evi-dence in the Darien Gap, as well as other forests in Panama, and along

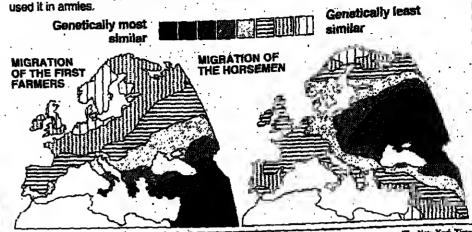
"In the Darien Gap forest we thought we'd see a long history of no change," Dr. Bush said. "The forests look wonderful, bigger trees than you see here in La Selva, capybara everywhere, king vultures every-where. It just looked really pristine. But sure enough 4,000 years ago there was maize cultivation."

Moreover, said Dr. Sanford, an ecologist at the University of Denver, the story appears to be the same all over the world. "Almost everywhere we go in Latin America, and Asia and Africa, we find charcoal lime, scientists say recent studies show that after seemingly severe hatural disturbances the forest can most every place in the tropics."



Overlapping Migrations Into Europe

Dr. Luigi Luca Cavalli-Sforza has devised maps based on multiple blood and gene markers to depict ancient migrations into Europe. The top map traces a migration out of Anatolia to depict ancient migrations into Europe. The top map traces a migration out of Anatolia to depict ancient migrations into European hunter-gatherers. The second map traces a movement of people indigenous European hunter-gatherers. The second map traces a movement of people from the Russian steppes 6,000 to 4,000 years ago; they had domesticated the horse and used it in armies. used it in armies



Human Genes Give Clues to Ancient Migrations

By Louise Levathes New York Times Service

EW YORK - The genes of modern populations carry the encoded history of humans remote past and their early wanderings around the globe. Deciphering that history has been the preoccupation of population appearance for a continuous but key ulation geneticists for a century, but key pieces of information have begun to fall quickly into place only in the last 10 years, since the advent of rapid methods for working out the chemical sequences of

Standing in the midst of this giant jigsaw puzzle is a soft-spoken, Italian-born scientist with the mind of a mathematician and the interests of a philosopher: Dr. Luigi Luca Cavalli-Sforza. Perhaps more than anyone else in his field, Dr. Cavalli-Sforza. a 71-year-old genetics professor at Stan-ford University Medical School, has been able to make sense of the whisperings of buman ancestors that are recorded in the

co-authors, Dr. Paolo Menozzi and Dr. Alberto Piazza, will be bringing out a book that has taken 12 years to produce: a genetic atlas called "The History and Geography of Human Genes," to be published by Princeton University Press. The authors are also the movers behind the Human Genome Diversity Project, an amhitious effort to arrange for the collection of DNA samples and anthropological information from 25 individuals in each of 400 targeted populations around the world.

It will be the first time such information has been systematically collected from so many populations and should allow geneti-cists to reconstruct the history of the

genes of present-day people. His graphic maps make evident at a glance the patterns of ancient migrations, and they hint at some of the events that may have prompted them.

Next year, Dr. Cavalli-Sforza and two corauthors, Dr. Paolo Menozzi and Dr. Alberto Piazza, will be bringing out a book mountains of data the new research is expected to general t

The story emerging from Dr. Cavalli-Slora's studies, as reported in a receni issue of the journal Science, confirms and extends the findings from other fields of inquiry into human origins. The genetic studies bear witness to two major phases of buman expansion: the first was the movement of Homo erectus out of Africa one million to two million years ago; the sec-ond was the spread of Homo sapiens around the globe, beginning 100,000 years ago and reaching every continent 60,000

world's populations in detail.

Because the genetic makeup of African cities, where the recent intermingling of populations today displays such a wide peoples tends to obscure the genetic record.

mon about 55,000 to 60,000 years ago, supported the spread of populations into every continent, even Australia. After this primary phase, local expansion patterns

Confirming the general picture pieced together by archeologists and linguists, he finds that after the introduction of agriculwave of migration also originated in Afri-ture in the Middle East about 10,000 years.

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These early farmers replaced the nomadic hunter-gatherers, and their sole direct survivors are believed to be the Basques, the solid properties of the survivors are believed to be the Basques, the solid properties of the survivors are believed to be the Basques, the solid properties of the survivors are believed to be the Basques, the survivors are believed to be the Basques, the survivors are believed to be the Basques and the survivors are believed to be the Basques and the survivors are believed to be the Basques and the survivors are believed to be the Basques and the survivors are believed to be the Basques and the survivors are believed to be the Basques and the survivors are believed to be the Basques and the survivors are believed to be the Basques and the survivors are believed to be the Basques and the survivors are believed to be the Basques and the survivors are believed to be the Basques and the survivors are believed to be the Basques and the survivors are believed to be the Basques and the survivors are believed to be the Basques and the survivors are believed to be the Basques and the survivors are believed to be the Basques and the survivors are believed to be the Basques and the survivors are believed to be the Basques and the survivors are believed to be the Basques and the survivors are the survivors and the survivors are the survivors are the survivors and the survivors are the survivors and the survivors are the survivors and the survivors are the survivors are the survivors and the survivors are the survivors and the survivors are the survivors are the survivors and the survivors are the survivors are the survivors and the survivors are the survivors and the survivors are the survivors are the survivors and the survivors are the survivors are the survivors and the survivors are the survivors are the survivors are the survivors are the survivors and the survivors are the survivors and the survivors are the sur

become more complex and more difficult to decipher, he says.

By analyzing patterns of geographic variation of genes and their relative importance. Dr. Cavalli-Sforza has identified several strong patterns of expansion in Furone. In general in choosing conference. Europe. In general, in choosing contemporary populations to study, he has concentrated on aboriginal people who were in place before the great age of European extraction of the doplace before the great age of European estication of the host took place. The colonial expansion in the late 15th and 16th centuries and has avoided modern by across Europe, spreading their language, etites, where the recent interminging of the common mother tongue from the colonial expansion of the host regions migrated very rapidation, which is the common mother tongue from the colonial expansion of people began in the area of the southwest Russian steppes, where took place. The people in these regions migrated very rapidations to study, he has concentrated on aboriginal people who were in people in the area of the southwest Russian steppes, where took place. The people in these regions migrated very rapidations to study, he has concentrated on aboriginal people who were in people in the area of the southwest Russian steppes, where took place. The people in these regions migrated very rapidation and the area of the southwest Russian steppes, where took place. The people in these regions migrated very rapidations are to be a southwest Russian steppes, where the domination of the broad to the domination of

Global Warming? Satellite Data Don't Back Theory

By Boyce Rensberger Washington Post Service

ASHINGTON - If there has been a planetwide warming trend over the last decade and a half — a claim repeated so often in recent years that many assume it is an established fact — it ought to have shown up by now in the 15 years of temperature readings taken by a oetwork of Earth-

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So said James Hansen, the Goddard Insotute for Space Studies scientist who alarmed the world in the late 1980s with his assertion that Earth's atmosphere bad heeo warming since the mid-1970scaused by growing concentrations of carboo dioxide in the air, which trap heat that otherwise would radiate into space. Dr. Hansen bol-stered his case with a chart showing that after 35 years of fairly steady temperatures, surface thermometer readings around the world were suddenly showing a warming trend.

Yet no sign of such warming has shown up in the satellite data. We've had total satellite coverage of the Earth since 1979, and we

sure don't see it," said John Christy, of the University of Alabama at

For the last few years Dr. Christy and Roy Spencer of NASA's Mar-shall Space Flight Center, also in Huntsville, have been processing data collected by satellites operated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). ...

shows that in June, as in the 19 previous months, the average global temperature was cooler than the average for the previous decade.

global warming trend, the satellite data show oo clear pattern. Dr. Christy said the warmer in-

tervals coincide with El Niño - the mysterious, periodic phenomenon in which the surface waters of the South Pacific become warmer than usual. Because heat from ocean

drives many weather phenomena, this warming sets off major weather shifts around the planet. El Nino appeared in 1983, recurred in 1987 through early 1988 and returned for a prolonged stay in 1990 and

At the same time, however, Mouot Pinatubo erupted in the Philippines in June 1991 and soon reversed El Niño's effect. It spewed tiny droplets of sulfuric acid into the upper atmosphere, where they heric Administration (NOAA). eventually spread to cover much of the globe. Because the droplets re-Spencer update their analysis, issu--- fleeted some sunlight back into ing the planetary equivalent of a space, they caused a global cooling. fever chart. Their latest report Overall, Dr. Christy said, there has been no apparent warming trend.

R. Hansen's more widely reported data show similar fluctuations More significantly, instead of a from year to year. But, he said, they indicate a clear warming trend that reached record high

temperatures in the late 1980s be-fore Pinatubo chilled the air. Dr. Hansen said the readings

show the lower atmosphere's aver-

quarter of a degree Fahrenheit in line surface of Earth several times a that time. Why the difference?

"Our data," Dr. Christy said. "come from satellite readings taken over the entire globe. Their data come from thermometers, mostly in industrial areas."

The older method relies on conventional thermometers at weather stations around the world, most at airports and in cities in the industrialized world, plus scattered readings in Third World regions and aboard ships at sea. At some stations, readings have been taken regularly for more than a century. Because the the ground, they are relevant to what most living things feel.

A major drawback is that many of the thermometers are in "heat islands" - places that have been artificially warmed by the growth of pavement and cities. Dr. Chiisty argues that this effect creates the waves path to the satellite detecappearance of a warming trend. Dr. Hansen said the heat island effect is understood and that thermometer readings are routinely lowered a ocr-

tain amount to correct for it.

day and record the intensity of microwave radiation that comes naturally from oxygen molecules in the bottommost four miles of the atmosphere. The warmer the oxygen, the more intense the radiation. A major advantage of this method is that it monitors the whole planet evenly. Disadvantages are that the read-

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instead of measuring the tempera-ture near the ground; it reads an average for the bottommost four miles of atmosphere. So it's less rele-vant to life on the ground, though perhaps more relevant to cloud foron, which cools the surface the daytime and warms it at night. - Moreover, Dr. Hansen points out, the satellite microwave readings can be thrown off by water

ings go back only to 1979 and that

droplets and other particles in the air that interfere with the micro-

Nonetheless, "if there's a greenhouse wanning," Dr. Hansen said, "it should be visible in their data. The fact that it isn't tells me there's The newer method uses a series of something wrong with their data. reather satellites that scan the en-

Historic Spanish Fort Sited in Florida

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By John Noble Wilford New York Times Service

EW YORK - Archaeoiogists have found buried traces of a 16th-century fort in St. Augustine, Florida, and are confident that this establishes for the first time the exact site where the Spanish planted the earliest permanent European settlement in what is now the

exposed part of the moat and other artifacts of a structure that archaeologists say was almost certainly the first fort built by Pedro Menén-dez de Avilés in 1565. He arrived that year with 1,500 soldiers and settlers to found the Spanish colony he called St. Augustine, decades ny he called St. Augustine, decades before the English established the Virginia Colony at Jamestown in 1607 and the Pilgrims on the May-flower landed at Plymouth Rock in

Excavations this summer have

"This is the original landing site, sort of the Plymouth Rock of Span-ish Florida." Dr. Kathleen Deagan, an archaeologist at the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville and director of the excava-

if these are the remains of the first soil filling in the former most are Menéndez fort or of one built soon numerous Spanish and Indian ma- a French settlement near present-

original settlement and associated fort complex of St. Augustine.

Researchers have been searching for the Menendez forts for more than 60 years. Historians examining colonial documents had determined that the most likely site was slightly north of the Castillo, a 17th-century Spanish fort that stands today on the St. Augustine waterfront. They thought it might be found on the grounds of what is now the Fountain of Youth Park, or near an adjacent Roman Catho-

And there on the grounds of the shrine of Nuestra Señora de la Leche, which honors motherhood and breast-feeding with a statue of Mary nursing the infant Jesus, is just where Dr. Deagan found the evidence for the 16th-century fort. In three weeks of digging this month, Dr. Deagan and a team from the University of Florida, where she is also a professor of anthropology, discovered what the researchers said could only be the remains of a most. Changes in the coloration and texture of the soil marked the most's dimensions at 14 feet wide and 3 feet deep (about ons, said.

Dr. Deagan said she was not sure been determined. Mixed with the

site in recent years had furned up 16th-century Spanish artifacts, in-cluding traces of houses and the European. Archaeologists were becoming convinced that this was the original 1565 campsite. But Dr. Deagan said that until now there was "nothing we could definitely say was a fort."

HE Spanish secured a foothold at St. Augustine only after half a century of exploration of the Florida ula and abortive attempts at colonization. Juan Ponce de León, looking for the labled Fountain of Youth, made the first recorded Spanish landing in 1513. It was probably at Melbourne Beach outh of Cape Canaveral. Other explorers, including Hernando de Soto, traversed the peninsula looking for gold. Finding none, they moved on. An earlier settlement at Pensacola Bay failed in part because of a devastating harricane. When Menendez reached St. Au-

tine in 1565, his immediate orders were to destroy Fort Caroline,

afterward. But "we feel confident terials from the 16th century. Soil day Jacksonville that had been that we have now finally located the stains reveal where a row of wood-started three years before as a chalen posts once stood, presumably lenge to Spanish designs. After he part of the palisade.

Other excavations around this the fort, the French floet appeared off St. Augustine to retaliate, but was swept away by a storm and dashed on the shores of what today ruins of a well lined with wooden are Daytona Beach and Cape Cabarrels in a style that could only be naveral. Men endez wiped out the

> With the French out of the way, the only obstacle to the Spanish colony would be the Seloy tribe of the Timucuan nation. At first, rela-tions were amicable. The Seloy chief let the Spanish use his long house, a large oval or circular structure with thatch roof that could accommodate up to 300 people.

The Spanish proceeded to fortify the long house, called a bujio, digging a most around it, throwing up a breastwork of earth and execting a wooden palisade. In seven months the Indians turned on the Spanish and burned the long-house fort. The fort was rebuilt, and when a relief fleet arrived in the summer of 1566, a more substantial triangular fort was constructed on or near the site of the original fort. That, too, was destroyed, in a troop mutiny in 1570.

It was then that the settlement was moved less than a mile south to the present site of downtown St.

Embattled Fossil Dealer Keeps on Digging

EW YORK - Undaunted by a year

of FBI raids, subpoenas, the prospect of federal indictments, pressure from half a dozen government agencies and uneven support from academic paleontologists, a South Dakota fossil dealer is still digging for dinosaurs and has just bagged a new Tyrannosaurus rex. its third in two years. Robert Farrar, an officer of the beleaguered

Black Hills Institute of Geological Research of Hill City, South Dakota, a commercial dealer in fossils, declined to disclose the site in northwest South Dakota where the new tyrannosaur had been found, but be said the skeleton appeared to be fairly complete. But discovery and excavation are the least of the Black Hills Institute's problems. The resolution of its most pressing problem — a battle with the federal govern-ment over custody of its fossils — will have

important consequences for academic paleon-tologists, museums and amateur fossil hunters as well as commercial dealers. A welter of ambiguous and sometimes conflicting laws and rules on collecting fossils has often placed professional paleontologists and amateurs in relationships of questionable legality. New rulings on the Black Hills case could settle some of

The Black Hills company gained national attention last year when a piatoon of FBI agents and National Guardsmen raided its Hill City workshop and seized its best specimen, the most complete tyrannosaur fossil ever discovered. That dinosaur, nicknamed "Suc" after her

discoverer. Sue Hendrickson, was excavated by the company in 1990 from the property of a Cheyenne River Scoux Indian, who was paid

lawyers argue that the land was not private property but tribal land. The federal government holds it in trust and it is exempt from taxes, so it cannot be exploited for fossils without the prior consent of various federal agencies, the department says.

The FBI crated Sue's bones and shipped them to the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, South Dakota, where they have been stored under a federal seal ever since. In a series of court tests, experts testifying for Black Hills have argued that long-term storage at the school will damage the bones, while experts testifying for the proscu-tion contend that the bones are safe.

Earlier this year, Federal District Judge Richard H. Battey ruled against the institute in Cheyenne River Sioux Indian, who was paid _its effort to regain custody of Soe, but that case is on appeal, and a federal grand jury is considuent contends that the deal was illegal its ering whether to bring charges.

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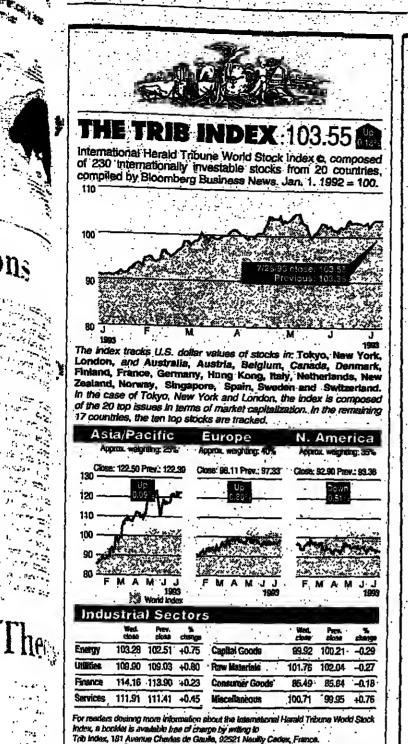
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For EC Steel Firms, No Celebration **Deadline Approaches for Tough Decisions on Cuts**

By Tom Buerkle

BRUSSELS - For Europe's steel industry, Tuesday's U.S. ruling rejecting duties on most imports was the easy part of its painful restructuring, removing a threat to some \$400 million a year in steel sales.

The going is about to get much harder. European Community ministers are racing against the clock to persuade state-owned steelmakers in Italy, Spain and the former East Germany to shutter plants and kick the habit of billions of dollars in government subsidies by next month. Only then will private sector producers chin in and make him vate-sector producers chip in and make big cuts themselves in capacity and jobs.

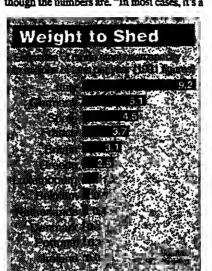
"It cannot make sense to support and subsidize inefficient producers at the expense of the efficient," Chairman Brian Moffat told shareholders at British Steel's annual meeting in London on Wednesday.

But success in this effort is far from certain to come by the Community's self-imposed deadline at the end of September.

With steel-consuming industries such as autos and construction depressed and every major EC steelmaker running heavy losses, Brussels estimates that the steel industry needs to cut capacity by nearly 20 percent to restore its health. That means shedding at least 30 million tons of crude-steel capacity and putting more than 70,000 of its nearly 400,000 workers onto the streets. Inflicting that pain in the midst of a recession and finding ways to share cutback costs

of perhaps 8 billion European Currency Units (\$9.04 billion) will not be easy. "It will be very tough to reach these 30 million tons, very tough," said Barbara Haas, a steel analyst at Deutsche Bank Research in

More than in most industries, she said, decisions on shutting buge steel plants reach far beyond profit-and-loss calculations, large though the numbers are. "In most cases, it's a



political and social problem as well," Ms. Haas said, as many of the steelworks are in "areas where there are no alternatives" for employment.

The EC Commission, however, itself has no alternative to the drastic cuts. The compe-tition commissioner, Karel van Miert, has warned that failure to agree on a plan in shrink the state-owned steelmakers and their subsidies when EC industry ministers meet Sept. 21 could trigger a wild grab for govern-ment aid by ailing producers, public and private alike. In an industry that soaked up 125 billion Deutsche marks (\$72.6 billion) of public subsidies between 1975 and 1991, that is no idle threat.

Mr. van Miert last week persuaded the Italian government to drop a plan to absorb 4 billion Ecus of deht of the state-owned steelmaker Ilva, but Rome has not yet shown any willingness to cut Ilva's capacity by the 3 million tons, or nearly 30 percent, that Brussels is seeking. Mr. van Miert has given the government a month to draw up a new restructuring plan, but analysts say it may not come before October.

Mr. van Miert made no apparent progress toward toughening up Spain's restructuring plan in talks with Industry Minister Juan Miguel Eguiagaray on Wednesday. The Spanish plan would use subsidies of 600 bil-lion pescus (\$4.34 billion) to cut 1.7 million

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U.S. Companies to Appeal ITC Ruling Lifting Duties

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche WASHINGTON - U.S. steelmakers expect to appeal unfavorable rulings in a long-running dispute with loreign competitors, raising the prospect of continued tensions with some of America's major trading partners.

American steel executives announced their intentions to appeal the decision late Thesday after the U.S. International Trade Commission reached a divided conclusion in 74 complaints filed by American companies against overseas producers. In more than half the cases, the commission found no evidence of harm or threat to U.S. steelmakers, in effect lifting stiff temporary import taxes in several

And while the European Community's vice sident for external economic affairs, Sir Leon Brittan, said the rulings that lift duties on some imports of steel "will help to defuse substantially what had become a very grave trade dispute," nnt everyone agreed. Steel-exporting countries expressed dismay at the fact that the U.S. rolings left taxes in place in a large minority of cases.

An official at Japan's Ministry of Interna-tional Trade and Industry said of the U.S. decision: "We value that the ITC reversed its decision on hot-rolled and cold-rolled steel imports. But it's regrettable that they did not accept Japan's position on corrosive-resistant

In Germany, too, Economics Minister Günter Rexrodt said he was "disappointed" at the decision to maintain duties on certain' types of steel imports. "The EC should take steps within the GATT framework to check whether the U.S. measures conform to GATT rules," Mr. Rexrodt said.

The Dutch steelmaker Hoogovens said it was considering appealing the duties on some of

its exports, while Australia, which was also hard-hit, called the decision unfair.

The ITC decision "is obviously a mixed result," said the chairman of Bethlehem Steel, Curtis H. Barnette, speaking on behalf of the industry. We "owe it to our stockholders and to our workers to use every legal means to obtain a fair result in those cases where we did not prevail," he said, adding, "This just isn't over yet."

U.S. producers say they have lost billions of dollars and tens of thunsands of jobs in recent years because of cut-rate imports and unfair subsidies.

But the ITC — the final stop in the govern-ment's review of the complaints — said 42 nf the cases failed to show any harm or threat to the U.S. industry. That finding lifted the temporary duties in those cases, which must he repaid with interest.

Chrysler's Net Quadruples as Ford's Doubles DETROIT - Ford Mntor Co.

said Wednesday that its secondquarter earnings had dnubled. while Chrysler Corp.'s after-tax profit was nearly four times as high as in the same period last year.

Both Chrysler and Ford performed better than Wall Street had expected. The two companies have enjoyed record sales of light trucks and minivans recently, reflecting what analysts say is a pent-up de-mand for new vehicles. Ford earned \$775 million in the

second quarter, up from \$387 million a year ago.

Chrysler reported earnings of \$685 million in the quarter, compared with \$178 million in the 1992 second quarter. The latest results included one-time gains of \$71 mil-lion from the sale of Mitsubishi Mntors Corp. stock and \$39 mil-lion from the sale of its Acustar

million, while the consensus for Ford had been for a profit of about

\$623 million.

Ford cited higher profit in its
U.S. automotive division and a record profit by the Financial Services Group. Chrysler has been a Wall Street favorite and set several sales records for its truck line in the

second quarter.
David McCammon, Ford's treasurer, said the quarter was its best in four years despite a loss of \$75 million in recession-weakened Ford of Enrope. The British luxury carmaker Jaguar, which Ford pur-

an operating loss of \$50 million.
"I'm not sure we have seen the bottom there yet," said Harold Pol-ing. Ford's chairman and chief ex-ecutive. "European industry car and truck sales in 1993 are projected at about 12.4 million units, down 17 percent from last year."

Mr. McCammon said the com-

pany had substantially completed cutting 13,000 of 98,000 European jobs but did not rule out further reductions, depending on how the European economy performs. Overall international earnings in the second quarter were \$28 million

because of profits in Latin America, Canada and the Pacific Rim Excluding a special accounting charge, Chrysler's first-half earnings of \$1.8 billion would have

Mntors Corp. stock and \$39 million from the sale of its Acustar
Plastics operations.

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second-quarter sales of \$29.4 billion, up 9.7 percent from last year.

"We made significant strides overall in the quarter," said Chrysler Chairman Robert Eaton, "but a good deal of work still needs to be done un recover costs associated. with meeting government regulations and increases in health-care

and other costs." "The big picture is that right now, they're benefiting from not-being in Europe," Ford's Mr. McCammon said of Chrysler. "I'd' prefer to be in Europe in the long.

Merck to Pay \$6 Billion? For Health-Care Firm

RAHWAY, New Jersey --Merck & Co., the world's largest pbarmaceutical company, said Wednesday it had agreed to buy Medco Containment Services Inc. a mail-order supplier of prescription drugs for large companies, for

56 billion in cash and stock. Merck and other pharmaceutical cumpanies have seen prufits squeezed recently by the greater scrutiny that insurers and healthcare providers are giving to precare proposal being drafted by the U.S. administration may take that scrutiny even further.

Merck had revenue of \$9.7 billion last year. Medeo, based in Montvale, New Jersey, manages prescriptions for employer healthbenefit plans covering a total of 33 million Americans. "What Merck is buying is a dis-

ccutive said. "Dues anybudy analyst at A.G. Edwards & Sons

Managed care refers to health

and clinics in an effort to hold down the cost of medical care. Such arrangements are growing in popularity, and Merck's purchase of Medeo represents an effort to enter that arena, Mr. Nover said,

Their agreement followed an ac-

knowledgment by Medco that It was talking with various drug com-

Warner-Lambert plans links with Wellcome and Glaxo. Page 11.

panies about some type of business

relationship. Medeo's stock soared Wednesday in heavy nver-the-counter trading. It closed the day at \$34.125 a share, up \$4.375, on very heavy volume. Merck closed down \$1.375 at \$30.75 on the New York Stock

Exchange. The transaction gives Medeo holders a choice of receiving either \$39 in cash or 1.21 Merck shares for each Medeo share, Merck said. on condition that the total it pays is 60 percent in Merck stock and 40

percent in cash.
(AP, Reuters, Bloomberg)

GM and VW Trade Insults in López Case

By Allen R. Myerson

New York Times Service EW YORK - The personal-computer revolution was supposed to transform the office into a high-tech, highefficiency web of concentration. And maybe it has. But games, bulletin boards and electronic message systems are creating countless new ways to goof off.

INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

In Office Computer Wars,

Management Strikes Back

Industry executives estimate that millions of games infiltrate offices each year, despite widespread rules against illicit software or unauthorized computer use. The

personal-computer industry, after all, was created by young Bosses have software ... ate office computers from bu- that lets them read reancrats and engineers. Some employees' screens. harmless and can even be train-

ing tools. But many a tolerant boss has turned tougher. Richard A. Shaffer, chief of Technologie Partners, mounted a counterattack a few years ago against the advance of Tetris and Armor Alley, telling his staff that the deadlines for the 40 computer newsletters they produced

should provide all the suspense they needed.

Game-playing withered. But jokes, movie reviews, party plans and other diversions filled the network until it crashed. Another staff meeting ensued.

When cyberbosses get angry, though, they're the ones with computing power on their side: software that lets them explore employees' hard disks, read messages they've sent, even see what's on their screens. . The Software Publishers Association, which wants to curb pira

cy, encourages them to sneak around after hours with a program that can find games. "It kind of surprises management," said liene Rosenthal, the association's general counsel. "They don't know that

Rosenthal, the association's general counsel. "They don't know that all these games are on the hard drives of employees."

"EDS, the data-services concern that was founded but is no longer owned by Ross Perot, deploys a wide array of psychological and electronic weapoury. Data-security coordinators scour workers' computers. The company encourages anonymous tattling. "When someone's sitting playing a game, the other employees are pretty angry," said Todd Carlson, chief of computer operations. "In some cases they go to managers. In other cases they call our hother. Still, some bosses think that's not enough. Thomas R. Peitter, who wrote computer rules for General Motors and EDS and is now a consultant, once worked with a security officer from a military a consultant, once worked with a security officer from a military base in Hawaii. The officer's tactic for ensuring that workers stack to their programs? "I pack a gun," he said. "I put them in the brig."

lyptic turns of phrase, the chairman to further impugn Mr. López, who sonal campaign of revenge against noted that automakers worldwide has been accused by GM uf piller. Dr. López and at the same time

By Rick Atkinson

Washington Post Service
BERLIN — The bitter dispute wagen over alleged industrial espiowagen over anegon industrial espace mage crupted in public name-calling tween GM and Volkswagen reflects two carmakers this "survival struggle," he said. Wednesday as the two carmakers traded accusations and insults.

The Volkswagen board chair-man, Ferdinand Piech, accused VW's archrival GM of misusing the German justice system and conducting a vendetta against VW. "This is mudslinging and we will use every means available to come out as winners in the end." Mr. Piech declared in a nationally televised news conference from VW's headquarters in Wolfsburg.

By Erik Ipsen

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While cost-cutting and the deval-

A Tale of 2 Companies:

ICI, Zeneca Ready Results

International Herald Tribune

LONDON — Imperial Chemithose props will not have been cal Industries PLC, which has undergone one of the most attack.

dergone one of the most extensive ICTs operating profits. In the face reorganizations in the European of a deep recession in the European chemical industry in recent years, chemical industry, ICI is expected

will reveal results on Thursday for to post operating profit of around the first time since the demerger of £150 million (\$223 million), compared with £164 million in the same period in 1992.

Analysts say the jury is still out alyst Lucas Hermann predicted a on the merits of the demerger itself, pretax profit of £320 million for the

but the divergent fortunes of the first half, a rise of 23 percent.

selling 30 million. The enmity be-"To me, that's a form of war," Mr. Piech said. "I don't see a peaceful end to this conflict."

cusing him of sinking to "an amaz- GM documents. ingly low level."

For Zeneca, the James Capel an-

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BERLIN — The bitter dispute had the capacity to make 40 million ing secret company documents betrying to misuse the state prosecubetween General Motors and Vnlksvehicles annually but were only fore defecting to VW last March. tors, the media and the public in native Spain.

> Mr. Piech, an engineer whose grandfather developed the famous Volkswagen Beetle, spent more GM's German subsidiary, Adam
> Opel AG, which has filed a criminal complaint against VW's production chief, José Ignacin López de Arriortua, returned the fire by rejecting Mr. Pièch's charges as and denied that VW ever received on the completion of the completion and analyzing the completion and analyzing the completion and analyzing the moribund European of the completion of the completion of the completion and analyzing the moribund European of the completion of the completio than an bour defending his compawithout any substance" and ac- or planned to ubtain confidential

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Mr. Piech added. A GM executive, speaking on

condition that be not be identified, said that VW appeared to be trying to appeal to German pride by hinting that an American corporation was unfairly persecuting a bome-grown company. Opel has operated in Germany for more than a century and employs some 50,000 work- tributing channel to managed ers, most of them German, the exremember where Piech's passport Inc. in St. Louis. was issued?" be added. "He's Aus-Managed care

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Corporate Earnings Depress Blue Chips

NEW YORK - Blue-chip stocks dropped on Wednesday, depressed by weak corporate earnings reports, but over-the-counter issues advanced and bond prices rallied. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 12.01 points, to 3,553.45, and declining issues on the New York

N.Y. Stocks

Stock Exchange outnumbered advancers by a small margin. But the Nasdaq over-the-counter index jumped 4.59 points, to 705.59.

The 30-year Treasury bond rose 11/32, to 106 4/32, reducing its

yield to 6.65 perceot from 6.67 percent late Tuesday. The impetus for the rally was a report that President Bill Clinton would consider using an executive order to restrain enti-

tlemeot spending.
Investors regarded that as a tactic by the president to overcome opposition by some conservative Democrats to his deficit-reduction plans. Hopes that Mr. Clinton would succeed in curbing the federat budget gap have been responsi-ble for a long rally in bond prices. The principal worry for the stock market was a flurry of mixed corporate earnings reports, said Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer

at First Albany Corp. Merch was the most-active New York Stock Exchange issue, down

1% to 30%. The company said it would buy Medco Containment Services, a supplier of prescription drugs. Medco, the most-active overthe-counter issue, surged 4% to 34%.

Chrysler was the second-most-accuryster was the second-most-active Big Board issue, down 2 to 42% although the automaker reported second-quarter earnings of \$1.86 s share, up from 54 cents a year ago.

Ford was up slightly after reporting second-guarter

iog second-quarter earnings of \$1.43 a share, up from 70 cents a year ago. General Motors, expect-ed to release its results Thursday. was unchaoged at 47.

NWNL was the third most active issue, up % to 30%. The insurer said it thought the activity was linked to a new dividend-reinvestment program.

Digital Equipment, which fell is to 37%, reported worse-than-expected fourth-quarter results and said it was cautious about the outlook for its first quarter. Borden also reported weaker results and halved its dividend, causing the stock to fall the to 15%.

Du Poor Co. fell 1% to 47%, The chemical company reported a sec-ond-quarter profit from operations of 79 cents a share, up from 72 cents in the prior year.

General Mills Inc. slumped 31/2 to 59%. The stock was cut to a "moderate outperform" rating from "buy" at Goldman Sachs. (Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder, UPI, AP)

Continued from Page 1 Sachs & Co. in Frankfurt. "But this would show it was giving priority to the ERM," he added, "above price

On Wednesday, the German central bank cut its securities repurchase rate, a 28-day lending rate that it uses to guide the money

Foreign Exchange

markets, to 6.95 percent from 7.15 percent last week. The drop was beyond the expectations of most analysts who had seen a fall to 7 percent as the limit,

Jürgen Pfister, senior economist with Commerzbank, said the gap between this repo rate and the discount rate, which normally forms a floor for the money market, was oow too narrow and could oot be sustained over the weeks when the Bundesbank is in its summer re-

But he added, "Domestic economic factors do not speak in favor

of a rate cut." The discount rate is charged on a mited number of Bundesbank must post government securities as collateral. There also was talk Wedoesday that the Bundesbank might lower its Lombard rate, now 8.25 percent. This emergency fund-

ing rate for banks is avaitable in unlimited amounts but also re-

"More than half a point would

Although the Bundesbank move calmed fears in the markets, the

dos from about 99.96.
The Belgian franc, which also was under pressure, edged up against the mark, benefiting from central bank intervention by Bei-

from 20.72. At the close in New York, the dollar declined to 1.7182 DM from 1.7270 on Tuesday, to 5.841 French

from 106.04.

RATES: Bundesbank Gives a Sign

quires collateral. Allison Gibbs, an analyst with MMS International in New York, said she expected the Bundesbank to announce a 0.25 to 0.50 percentage point cut io the discount rate on Thursday.

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be difficult to justify," she said.
"There's no fundamental reason to expect more." she added, although some investors are speculating the cut could be as much as 0.75 percentage poiots.

Spanish and Portuguese curreocies ended the day with losses. The mark rose to \$1.05 pesetas from \$0.80 Tuesday and to 101.00 escu-

gium. The mark fell to 20,70 francs

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U.S. Orders Surge, Led by Aircraft

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Orders received at U.S. factories for durable goods jumped at the fastest clip in six months during June, with airplanes moving fastest, the Commerce Department said Wednesday.

The supprising 2.8 persons surge in orders to a value of \$131.6 billion. The surprising 3.8 percent surge in orders, to a value of \$131.6 billion, reversed three straight monthly decreases in business, but analysts cautioned that it might be short-lived.

Two-thirds of the June rise came from higher aircraft and parts orders, which tend to come in large batches. In a negative sign, order backlogs which tend to come in large batches. In a negative sign, order backlogs weakened for the fourth month in a row, reaching their lowest level in more than four years.

Kodak's Earnings Rose in 2d Period

ROCHESTER, New York (AP) - Eastman Kodak Co. said Wednes-ROCHESTER, New York (AP) — Eastman Kodak Co. said Wednesday that its earnings had risen 2.7 percent in the second quarter because of cost controls and an unexpectedly small sales decline.

The photographic-products company earned \$371 million, or \$1.13 a share, up from \$361 million, or \$1.11 a share, in the 1992 second quarter. Sales fell 0.5 percent, to \$4.27 billion from \$4.29 billion.

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Sales were down slightly in Kodak's film and information-products divisions and rose in the health and pharmaceuticals division and in its chemical business, which Kodak plans to spin off. But a surge in sales of film and other products late in the quarter helped boost earnings.

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Digital Posts Profit, Sees Problems

BOSTON (AP) — Digital Equipment Corp. on Wednesday reported its first profitable quarter since 1991, posting net income of \$113.1 million, after months of layoffs and corporate reorganizing.

But the profit, equal to 85 cents a share, was at the low end of Wall Street expectations, and Digital executives warned that the company could have a hard time showing a profit in its next quarterly report.

The net income for the company's fourth quarter, ended July 3, contrasted with a loss of \$1.85 billion, or \$14.76 a share, in the like period contrasted with a loss of \$1.85 billion, or \$14.76 a share, in the like period layoffs and plant closings. Revenue in the latest quarter grew slightly to \$3.91 billion, from \$3.9 billion.

Busch's Beer-Market Share Edges Up

ST LOUIS (Combined Dispatches) — Anheuser-Busch Cos. said Wednesday its volume sales of beer to wholesalers in the second quarter accounted for 41.9 percent of total brewing-industry sales, as estimated from data and the Busch Cost. from data provided by the Beer Institute

It said this compared with a market share of 41:6 percent for the 1992

The beverage company said earnings rose less than I percent, to \$308.6 million, or \$1.11 a share, in the three months ended June 30. Sales were up 1.3 percent to \$3.43 billion.

(Reuters, AP)

Bethlehem Steel's Deficit Shrinks

BETHLEHEM, Pennsylvania (UPI) — Bethlehem Steel Corp., citing increased volume and cost-reduction efforts at two of its divisions, said Wednesday that its second-quarter deficit had narrowed by more than

The company also said it would again omit a dividend on its common stock. It last paid a dividend, of 10 cents a share, in December 1991. The steelmaker reported a second-quarter loss of \$5.3 million, down from a \$51.7 million net loss in the same period a year earlier. Sales rose to \$1.11 billion, from \$1.01 billion.

For the Record

Tandem Computers fac. reported a \$550 million quarterly loss and announced a restructuring that could involve up to 1,800 layoffs. (AP) Phillips Petroleum Co. said the U.S. Tax Court upheld its contention that more than half of the sales from an Alaskan natural-gas plant were exempt from federal income taxes.

EC Warns Belgium on Debt

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The commission, in a report, also warned that Belgium's past efforts to monetary union.

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(Reuters, Bloomberg,
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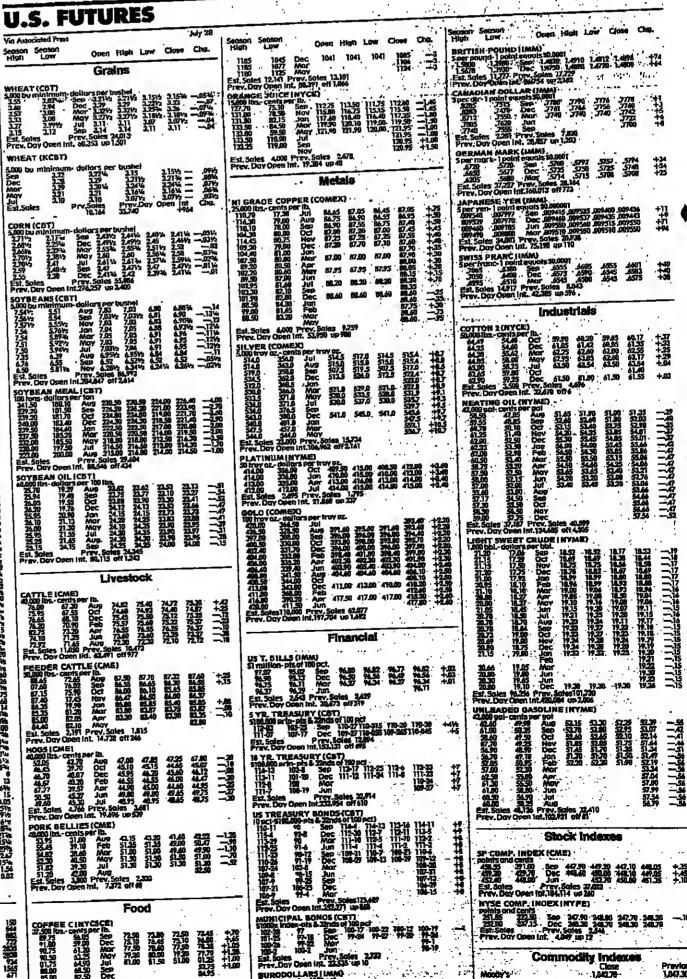
bring its budget denical under control were insurfacent, while the structure of public finances deteriorated in the process."

The commission warned that Belgium would have to curb spending on medical care, family welfare and pensions to meet the criteria for the Community's economic and monetary union.

BRUSSELS — The EC Commission estimated Wednesday that Belgium's gross public debt had bulged to 140 percent of its annual economic output, raising doubts that the nation could meet tough criteria for EC

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Paris Frees **Funds for Aid Plan**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS — The government said Wednesday it would inject 70 bil-lion francs (\$11.91 billion) of surplus "Balladur bond" revenue into the economy to boost jobs and corporate cash flow.

The sale this month of the bonds that Prime Minister Edouard Balladur announced in May to belp fund France's battle against unemployment raised 110 billion francs, almost three times the government's initial target.

Private economists called the spending package announced Wednesday the next best thing to interest-rate cuts for an economy crying out for relief.

The unemployment rate in France is 11.5 percent and still rising, and thousands of companies

are failing.

The budget minister, Nicolas Sarkozy, in giving details of the plan, said 35 billion francs would be used to improve the cash position of French companies by speeding reimbursement of their value-added-tax advances to the

In addition, 8 billion francs will be spent on modernizing school buildings. Mr. Sarkozy said this reflected government support for the construction trade and the impor-tance of the safety of schoolchildren.

A further 7 billion francs is to be allocated for apprenticeships and training young people, the minister said, and 20 billion francs will be used to finance spending on employment and investment in 1994,

In another measure to combat the effects of the recession, Mr. Sarkozy said the government would spend 5 billion francs to increase the annual school allowance it pays to about 2.5 million low-

U.S. Link for Lufthansa? Tie-Up With United Considered Likely

WASHINGTON - Lufthansa may be the next

European airline to announce an alliance with 8 U.S. carrier, many observers say.
"We think it's getting close," said Patrick Murphy, an assistant secretary for international policy

at the U.S. Department of Transportation. Alliances between U.S. airlines and European carriers have been cropping up all over. USAir and British Airways have one, as do Northwest Airlines and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines.

Now Continental has joined the trend. The Houston-based carrier said it would begin coordinating its flights with Air France, allowing passengers to travel more easily between Europe and

inland points in the United States. Analysts said the most likely partner for Lufthansa was United Airlines, which lacks a strong presence in Europe. "United might be the most logical choice," said Edmund Greenslet, aviation analyst and publisher of the Airline Monitor.

Lufthansa said talks had been held with several carriers, but no decision has been made yet. "We're definitely looking into joining with a U.S. partner," said Jim Freeman, a Lufthansa spokesman in New York. "United is definitely in the picture." Analysts said United's major rival for Lufthan-

sa's attentions was American Airlines. "I think there'll be a fight between American and United," said Paul Karos, an analyst with First Boston.

Either way, Lufthansa may find itself paired with one of the largest U.S. carriers. This would represent a departure from the big alliances announced so far, which have involved the second tier in the U.S. airline industry.

The weaker airlines were the first to seek the alliances because they knew they could not compete on international routes with the Big Three -United, American and Delta Air Lines.

Instead of investing millions to build international routes, the smaller carriers decided it was far cheaper to feed passengers into their systems by arranging alliances with foreign airlines. Now the Big Three are getting in on the act,

hoping to win passengers from the markets that are

closed to them under the U.S. bilateral aviation agreements with other nations. Down the road, U.S. aviation officials expect that the spate of alliances and cross-border investments will help dissolve many of the restrictions on

fares and capacity in these agreements. "The commercial relationships will eventually break down the old bilateral system," said Mr.

Murphy. "It's a growing trend, If an alliance is announced, Lufthansa and its U.S. partner are likely to seek code-sharing rights from their bome governments. Code sharing allows carriers to list linked flights under the same code. This tends to increase traffic on the route, because the linked flight is listed on travel agency comput-

U.S. Tobacco War Singes BAT

LONDON - BAT Industries PLC said Wednesday its first-half profit was held back by the price war among U.S. cigarette makers but its insurance results improved.

Overall, BAT's first-half net income rose to £906 million (\$1.35 billion), from £672 million in the similar 1992 period. For the second

quarter, pretax profit rose 32.9 per-cent, to £550 million from £414 sion will cut the price of Kool and

million. But that included a £135 Capri cigarettes by about 40 cents a million payment from American Brands Inc. as part of a deal in which the companies exchanged

cigarene brands.
Without the one-time gain, firsthalf profit was virtually unchanged at £415 million.

Profitability in tobacco is likely lo come under more pressure. BAT's Brown & Williamson divi-

pack, to approximately \$1.50. In the second quarter, BAT said its tobacco operating profit fell 7.9 percent, to £268 million.

The current year is demonstrating the strategic value of having a strong position in financial services as well as in tobacco," said the BAT chairman, Sir Patrick Sheehy.

U.K. Drug Firms Sign Deals With Warner-Lambert

New York Times Service

LONDON - Warner-Lambert Co. said Wednesday it would tie its nonprescription drug division to those of two large British companies, highlighting growth potential in the over-the-counter sector of

Warner-Lambert said it bad reached separate agreements with Wellcome PLC and Glazo PLC to market nonprescription drugs, including those medications that are switched from prescription status.

The arrangements will help Warner-Lambert compete with two larger rivals in the over-the-counter industry in the United States, Johnson & Johnson and American Home Products Corp. They also will pro-vide consumer-marketing expense and distribution networks to Wellcome and Glazo, which concentrate on sophisticated prescription drugs.

Drug companies have been paying attention to the nonprescription business in recent years. Their strat-egies reflect a belief that as governments look for ways to cut health costs, they will be quick to approve nonprescription drugs to reduce the need for doctors' visits and the costs of dispensing medication.

The deal between Warner-Lambert and Wellcome is the more comprehensive. The companies will set up a venture, Warner-Wellcome Consumer Health Products, to sell all their over-the-counter products.

In the case of Zovirax, a herpes medicine, the companies said Wellcome would keep most of the profits from over-the-counter sales, while other existing product earnings would be split roughly in half. In future transfers from prescription to over-the-counter status, the compa-

By Richard W. Stevenson ny that originated the drug would keep the majority of the profits. Wellcome's products to be contributed include Actifed and Sudafed cold remedies and Neosporin skin medication, while Warner-Lambert's consumer-health line features Listerine mouthwash and Ben-

adryl antihistamine. The other deal, primarily between Warner-Lambert and Glazo, is built on the assumption that the ulcer drug Zantac, which had revenues last year of \$3.2 billion, has an equally bright future in over-thecounter form. It and other Giaxo drugs that shift to over-the-counter status would be sold through the Warner-Wellcome venture

BT Profit Gain Misses Forecast

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON - British Telecommunications PLC said Wednesday pretax profit was up 27 percent in its first quarter, reflecting increased international calls and line rentals, but the results were short of many analysts' expectations.

BT said it had earned £757 million (\$1.13 billion) in the quarter ended June 30, compared with £596 million a year earlier. Earnings per share climbed 41 percent, to 7.9 pence from 5.6 pence. But sales rose only 1.9 percent, to £3.34 billion.

Forecasts of its earnings bad ranged as high as £780 million. (Bloomberg, AFP)

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Very briefly:

Jacques de Larosière, president of the Bank of France, is said to be the frontrunner for the post of president of the European Bank for Reconstruc-tion and Development. EC sources said the EC had decided to back him over the other candidates, who include the EC finance commissioner. Henring Christophersen; Giuliano Amato, the former Italian prime minister, and Leszek Balcerowicz, the former Polisb finance minister.

 Belgacom, Belgium's state-owned telecommunications concern, said it bad chosen Pacific Telesis International of the United States as its partner in developing a mobile phone network.

 Courtands PLC said it planned to form a joint venture with Allied Colloids Group PLC, another British chemicals company, to build a plant that will produce a new superabsorbant fiber.

 News International PLC has sold part of its stake in Pearson PLC, the British news and entertainment company, leaving it with a 5.1 percent stake in the company.

• Eff Aquitaine will fulfill an agreement with the privatization agency Treuhandanstalt and sell 10 percent of its Minol AG filling stations in

former East Germany to small and medium-sized local companies. Knight Rudder, AP, Blanmberg, AFX, Reuter

STEEL: Deadline Approaches for Major Decisions by Companies and EC Governments on Industry Cutbacks

Continued from Page 9

tons of capacity, or 16 percent of 1992 output, and lay off 12,000 workers.

For its part, private industry is refusing to show its band until the last moment.

Mr. Mottat set his marker Wednesday, saying British Steel made the necessary cuts by shutting its integrated steel plant at Ravenscraig, Scotland, last year. There can be no doubt that companies in mainland Europe need to emulate the actions British Steel bave taken over the years," he said.

There is little enthusiasm for cuts on the Continent, however. The Dutch steelmaker Hoogovens has indicated that to remain a viable producer, it needs to hang onto the two plants it has. Germany's Klöckner

& Co., with only one plant left, must either maintain production there or get out of the business.

The German Steel Federation claims that its members will bear a proportionately lighter share of pro-duction cuts loday because of deeper cuts in past years. Even so, the German industry is projecting a loss of 30,000 jobs by the end of next year.

In one key step 10 case the pain of restructuring, the commission is expected to allow private steelmakers to pool the cost of cutbacks. The plan, which is due for approval in September, will allow more efficient producers to effectively buy market share from industry losers, and it calls for I billion Ecus of EC loans. The commission insists that the loans will be repaid in full

over eighl years and won't become the grist of another as Europe's most efficient producer. Mr. Hoey said the

The EC loans represent a small share of the estimated 4 billion Ecus it will cost the industry to shutter old plants. The bill for layoffs is expected to reach another 4 billion, with EC and national governments putting up just over 900 million Ecus, largely for workerretraining programs.

The cost of cutting down hits industry when it can ill afford it. Brendan Hoey, an analyst at Morgan Stanley International in London, forecast that Germany's Thyssen AG will post a loss of 595 million DM this year, after a profit of 318 million DM in 1992.

The brightest hope is British Steel, widely regarded

British economic recovery should enable British Steel to eke out a profit of £30 million to £40 million (\$44.7 million to \$67.1 million) in the year ending in March 1994, reversing a loss of £149 million in the last financial year. Ms. Haas of Deutsche Bank, however, predicts a further loss for British Steel this year and only a break-even year after that.

Steelmakers did manage to raise prices by 10 percent in April and 5 percent in July, and there is talk of another 10 percent increase around the end of the year. But if it does not address its basic problem of overcapacity, the industry will be at risk of a renewed price war as soon as it approaches the break-even point, Ms. Haas said.

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EC Won't Vet Small Mergers

BRUSSELS - Faced with stiff opposition from member states, the

EC Commission decided Wednesday not to seek more powers to vet mergers between large companies. Instead, the commission has proposed keeping the current threshold of 5 billion European Currency

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Units (\$5.6 billion) used to determine whether transactions or linkups should be investigated as possible threats to competition.

The EC competition commissioner, Karel van Miert, told re-porters that although most husinesses favored more Community scrutiny, too many of the member governments were opposed giving the commission more authority. ..

If the threshold were lowered to 2 billion Ecus, as once proposed,'it would nearly double the commission's yearly case load, to 110 cases from the current average of 60, according to Community estimates:

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Group Business. The Generali Group has further strengthened its position as leader in insurance on an international scale. Among its operations in 1992, the most important related to the Spanish market where, fullnwing the agreements with Banco Hispano-Americano, l'enerali assumed management of the holding in which each has an equal share and which controls six insurance companies with premiums amounting to some 200 billion pesetas. Generali furthermore acquired control of the Federation Ins. Co. of Canada in Montreal, of Allas of Lima, and uf an English holding company. It increased its majurity stakes in the BMA of Kansas City - now up to 100% - and in the Uniunc Mediterranea di Sicurtà of Genoa. It set up halding companies, into which it put insurance shareholdings, in Belgium

and Germany and it took over an Italian farming company. In the early months of 1993 Generali has taken control of Naciunal in Ecuador, has participated in the establishment of a company in Rumania, Generala Asigurari, in which it less a majority stake, and has extended agreements with banking institutions for the distribution of insurance and financial products through banks' branches.

Initiatives are also under way towards the twin objectives nf. on the one hand, optimising the Group's structure in some of its traditional territories such as Belgium and Gernum (Inflowing Holland where such an operation has already been completed) and, on the other hand, expanding the Group's presence in Latin America, East Europe and

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The slight but intended slackening in premium growth rates brought about by this policy was fully compensated by the positive results achieved in improving the claims ratio which, as regards direct Italian non-life

sive action to cuntain costs that had been under way fur some time and in 1992 alone enabled the costs-pre-

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But brilliant results in financial activities as well as considerable profits realized un the alienation of securities, partly deriving from operations of an extraordinary nature, together with gains emerging from foreign currency ennversions, enabled underwriting lasses to be fully made good, so that the annual results closed with a profit slightly above that of the preced-

1992 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT

Central Head Office in Trieste (Italy) The Generall Group, besides Italy, operates in Argentina, Australla, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Culombia, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Germany, Gibraliar, Breat firitain, Greece, Guatemala, Guernsey, thong Kong, Ruogary, Ireland, stract, Japan, Lebanon, Luxemburg, Malta, Mexico, Principality of Monteo, Notherlands, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Portugal, flumanta, San Martin, Singapore, South Airb a. Spaln, Switzerland, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United States, Venezuela.

| ASSETS (000 ECU)* | 1992 | 1991 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Suilding and farm property | 5,547,427 | 4,569,230 |
| Fixed-interest securities | 21,192,458 | 15.661,764 |
| Shares and equity participations | 5,022.561 | 3,940,848 |
| Loans | 2,147,552 | 1.685,861 |
| Deposits with Ceding Companies | 426,349 | 353.798 |
| Bank deposits Accounts receivable | 2,111.959 | 1.438,800 |
| and other assels | 4,672,591 | 3.193,988 |
| Total | 41,126,897 | 30.844,289 |
| LIABILITIES (000 ECU) | | |
| Provisions for insurance liabilities | s 31.772.006 | 22,594,717 |
| Reinsurance deposits | 402.941 | 383.330 |
| Other liabilities | 2,722,627 | 2.178.720 |
| Minority shareholders' interest | 1,249,772 | 961.370 |
| Shareholders' surplus | 4.649.708 | 4.408.569 |
| Profit for the year | 323,843 | 317,583 |
| Total | 41,120,897 | 30,844,289 |

All tigures have been converted at the rate of exchange of £ 1 = ECU 1 252.

■ This statement consolidates 82 Insurance companies (including 8 Europ Assistance companies) operating in some 40 markets, 27 hald-

ing companies. 23 property companies and 3 farming companies. ■ The profit is 323.5m. ECG, slightly above that of the preceding year, but nevertheless notable in that it was achieved under unfa-

contable, economic conditions and desuite writedowns in security

valuations. These were re-:009.2m. against ECti 118.4m. in 1991) and were exceptionally high due also to the extremely orudent criteria that were anplied. Particularly satisfactory was the operating result, which improved by ECtl 76.4ni. lo reach nearly ECH 225m.

■ Cursolldated premiums amounted to ECU 12,628,4m. against ECU 9,013,7m. in 1991. This 40.1% rise was influenced also by the inclusion of new companies in the consolidation and by the effect of exchange rate variations. Premiums in Life insurance amounted to ECU 5.161.1m., in Non-Life to ECT 7.467m.

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Provisions for insurance liabilities increased by ECU 4,473.8m.

 Production and administrative costs amounted to ECU 3,038.7m. The ratio of costs to premiums declined from 20% in 1991 to 27,1%. ■ Investments rose to ECH 36,448.3m. (+31.8%), against which provisions for insurance liabilities amounted to ECU 31,772m.

Investigent income totalled BClt 3,001.7m. (+41.2%).

 Overall shareholders' equity amounted to ECli 5,842.8m., of which 79.6% pertains In the Parent Company.

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■ The profit of ECU 219.5m. is slightly op on that of the previous year, the spite writedowns on security valuations reflected in the account to the extent of ECU 1965m. against ECU 39.9m. in 1991. The operational result registered a marked improvement, passing from BCU 60.0m. to BCI 14%.7m.

■ Premiums amounted to ECU 4,958.4m. (+21.9%); ECU 1,922.5m. were in Life Insurance and ECU 3,015,9m. in Non-Life.

■ Claims paid totalled ECU 2,504.8m.

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dence on prepilitins of costs (25.5%) overall) fell in direct Italian lossiness from 25.5% in 1901 to 24%. Investments rose to ECU 14,512.0m. against ECH 12,455m. in 1001 (+16.5%). Unrealized capital gains in the securities portfollo ounted to EC1 2,618.9m. Investment income totalled BCI: 1,194.7m. against ECH 901.5m. in 1901 (+32,5%). ■ Overall shareholders' equity unounted to BCU 3,527.2m. The surplus over the minimum solvency margin requirement is of ECI 1,3350m, for the Life sector and of ECU 1305.3nu for Non-Life. - 75,900 ■ The dividend, before tax, is 350

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China's Giant Economy Feels More Growing Pains

Beijing Warns of Rising Unemployment

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BELIING - China's unemployment rate will rise as efforts to cool the economy and implement market reforms take a toll on employers, a Labor Ministry official said Wednesday.

The number of urban unemployed at the end of June was 3.6 million, an increase of 9.1 percent from the same time last year, said the director of the ministry's employment department, Zhang Xiaojin. and the number of urban jobs was down by 1.1 million

But the official jobless rate remained low, at 2.3 percent, Mr. Zhang said. The figure does not include rural areas, where there are more than 100 million

The official said unemployment would increase because of a new policy to rein in credit and push market reforms aimed at ending subsidies to stateowned enterprises

"We expect the number of enterprises being shut and stopping production to be relatively large," Mr. Zhang said, adding that the situation was already quite serious" io some sectors.

The flood of rural workers into cities was also a growing problem, he said, and measures were being drawn up to deal with it.

Mr. Zhang expressed confidence that the government could handle the expected rise in unemployment.

but he said it could not "treat the problem lightly." China's last wave of high unemployment was trig-ered by a three-year austerity program launched in late 1988. At its height, between 6 millioo and 7 millioo workers were idled.

The China Daily added in an article Wednesday that a crackdown ordered this month on speculative real-estate deals and loose credit would hit China's booming construction and manufacturing industries. hrowing many laborers out of work.

Separately, China's Ministry of Metallurgical In-dustry, which oversees gold production, has told its producers to raise their output and sell their assigned quotas to the state, the China Daily said.

Under Chinese law, gold producers must sell the government a portion of what they produce at a fixed price, which is much lower than market rates. Some companies are choosing instead to sell more of their production at market rates rather than to the govern-

ment, the paper said.

The state hopes to curb that practice by buying gold at 54.56 yuan (\$9.55) a gram instead of the old price of 48 yuan. The world gold price is about \$12.60 a gram, the paper said. (AFP, Reuters, Bloomberg)

Authorities Crack Down on Capital Flight

BEIMNG — China has launched a tough auditing and customs bliz on illicit capital flight; the official People's Daily reported Wednesday, as the yuan came under further pressure on Chinese currency markets. Overseas investment projects will be subject to strict asset evaluation, an approval process and customs

checks, under one regulations issued by the National Administration of State Property, the Foreign Trade Ministry and Chinese customs, the paper said. The value of the youn in the swap markets used by businesses to fill their foreign-exchange needs slipped Wednesday to 8.889 to the dollar in Benjing, from 8.8703 on Monday. Center officials declined to say

whether the central bank had intervened. Last month, China denied rumors it had ordered its overseas enterprises to repatriate funds to prop up the yuan, which has slipped 3.5 percent in the past two weeks on the national foreign exchange swap market in Beijing despite central bank support.

China does not publish figures for capital flight, but Chinese investment in Hong Kong is so heavy that Hong Kong's stock market suffered a major fall June 17, when the rumor about repatriation of funds came one Many analysis suggest capital flight is the major reason for the yuan's current slippage in value.

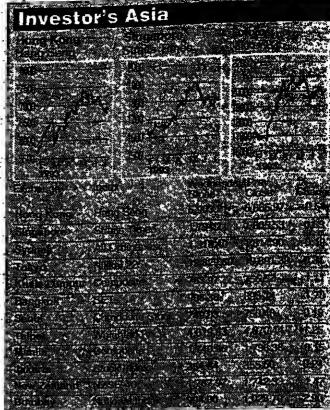
trol investment and cool the overheated economy prompted a 25 percent gain in the yuan's value early his month, almost wiping out the losses from June. Wednesday's measures also more strictly regulate Chinese companies that have bought up small listed

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Hong Kong companies, injected assets into them and then launched major share issues.

Overseas investments, particularly in property, have been an attractive hedge against the yuan's devalua-tion and inflation. They also provide a haven for funds from corrupt deals and a nest egg in the event of political unrest, analysts say.

There are three exchange rates in China: the official rate, which was 5.7468 to the dollar Wednesday, the swap-market rate and the black-market rate.



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Stock Traders Watch Deng Health Question Vexes Hong Kong Market

HONG KONG - With speculation swirling around the Hong Kong stock market on the deteri-orating health of China's semior leader, Deng Xiao-ping, the ghoulish business of assessing the likely market impact of his passing has begun once more. Mr. Deng's "imminent" death has been the surf

of market-moving rumors for the better part of a decade. But analysts are once again spinning post-Deng-era market scenarios. And a case is being made that the loss of the supreme leader, rather than spooking the market, could be bullish for stocks if China's political transition goes smoothly.

"Deng Xiaoping's death is going to be the last big buying opportunity in Hong Kong before 1997," when Hong Kong reverts to Chinese rule, said David Whittall, investment analyst at Baring Securities in Hong Kong.

"If the army moves in, investors will be side-

lined. But if Jiang Zemin and the current leaders seem secure, people are going to buy," he said. Mr. Jiang is China's president and general secretary of the Communist Party.

Indeed, investors are more likely to react to Beijing's efforts to control the torrid growth of the Chinese economy. While the 88-year-old Mr. Deng's reputation is legendary, his actual political clout these days is uncertain.

Should Mr. Deng's passing come in the next couple of weeks, it will not catch many investors off guard. The leader's death has been so thoroughly anticipated that while it may drag down stocks in the short-term, it will not have much long-range impact.

"If it happened tomorrow, we'd be down about 600 points and maybe stay around 6,000 for two-weeks after that," said Barry Yates, director at Vickers Ballas brokerage. "But it wouldn't be a disaster, it would be a buying opportunity. People would buy at those levels." He was referring to the Hang Seng Index, which on Wednesday closed at 6,903.21, up 37.24 points.

One reason is that China's economy is growing at 14 percent this year, faster than any country in the world. Though the danger is real that it might overheat in the coming months, China is likely to

be a hot investment play for some time to come. Should political developments in China take a sudden and nasty turn, investors in Hong Kong would certainly feel some pain. The Tiananmen Square crackdown in June of 1989, when troops came into Beijing and violently cleared protesters from the streets, sent the territory's bourse into a tailspin. The day after the crackdown, the Hang Seng plunged 22 percent.

Although brokers now hesitate to guess how much the Hang Seng would drop on news of Mr. Deng's death, they all agree that the consequences will be short-lived.

Much of the market reaction would turn on how the inevitable power struggles play out among the rival factions in Beijing.

"How the Hong Kong markets take the blow depends on how fast Beijing can react," said Richard Wong, investment manager at Wardley Invest-ment Services. "We're likely to see some sort of collective ruling body and if they seem in control, investors will relax." 887,000 yen oo Wednesday.

Doubts Over Japan Rail Privatization

TOKYO - Brokers are getting ready to sell the largest number of shares in a Japanese privatization, but some analysts warned that in-

vestors are likely to be cool to the East Japan Railway Co. offering. The offering of 2 million shares, or half the equity, of East Japan Railway, for an estimated 600 billion yen (\$5.63 billion), is the first part of the privatization of Japan National Railway. The system was split into seven railways in 1987, but a slumping stock market delayed the sale of shares in them to the public.

Some analysts warned that the 1.95 million share sale of stock in Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. in 1987 was still fresh in investors' minds.

"Investors certainly learned their lesson with NTT," said Shigern Akiba, head of equity trading at UBS Securities. NIT shares were offered at 1,20 million yen and jumped to a high of 3.18 million yen

m April that year. But many were burned when the stock slid to a low of 453,000 year last summer, before the government announced steps to prop up the market. The shares closed at

Very briefly:

• Excen Cosp. and Mobil Corp. are holding talks with Tuntex Group, a major Taiwan company, to construct a 149.3 billion Taiwan dollar (\$5.54 billion) petrochemical complex in Taiwan, a Tuntex spokesman said. • Fuffish Ltd. plans to invest about 200 million to 300 million yen (\$1.9 million to \$2.8 million) to set up a software firm in either Chandigarh, in

the Panjab in northern India, or in New Delhi by next year. e The Asian Development Bank plans to resinne normal lending to Victnam this year even if the U.S. trade embargo on Hanoi continues, a senior ADB official said. Separately, the Victnam car manufacturer Mekong Corp. will open its second plant in Hanoi in August.

 Nintendo Co., Japan's largest maker of home video games, plans to set up its first overseas production plant in China next spring.

 Hong Kong's trade deficit widened to 27.76 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$3.58 billion) for the first six months of the year, an increase of 4.8 percent from the first half of 1992.

 Bangkok Bank l'att. Thailand's largest commercial bank, reported an unhadred net profit of 3.27 billion baht (\$129.2 million) for the quarter ended June 30, an increase of 34 percent from a year earlier but a decline of 1.9 percent from the preceding quarter.

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Taiwan's Travel Bill Soars

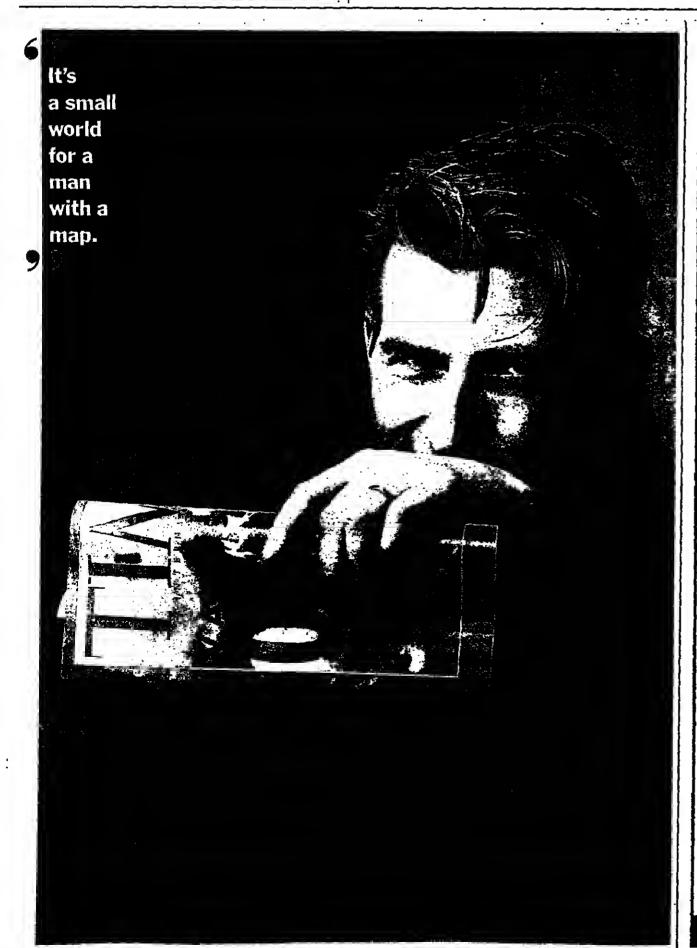
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TAIPEI - Surging overseas has soured in recent years with travel spending may exceed Tai- arowing affluence and the removal wan'a trade surplus this year for the of restrictions on travel to China.

first time in more than a decade, officials said Wednesday.

The overseas travel boom is merging as a major factor in up. Overseas travel by Taiwanese

A senior central bank official estimated that overseas travel spending rose to about \$4 billion in the first half of 1993, up 14 percent emerging as a major ractor in the first half of 1993, up 14 percent serting the island's balance of pay. Inst half of 1993, up 14 percent ments, which shumped to its first from a yearage. But Taiwan's trade deficit for 12 years in 1992, and in supplies his by the weak global pushing down the value of the Tai ecohomy, plunged 37 percent in the wan dollar, the officials said:



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But even though the eventual

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Denys predicted: "I expect you will never see a great pickup in employment with ICI or with Zeneca. That prediction looks even bleaker when viewed against ICT's cuts of 23,000 jobs in the course of

As anemic as ICTs first-half results may look, they are expected to he considerably better than those posted by many of the company's Commental competitors. Alastar Kilgour, an analyst with BNP Securities in London, anticipated that first-half profit for some of Eu-

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coming on stream in Asia now supply markets which were long dependable outlets for Europe's excess production.

"The main topic of conversation in the European chemical industry is the competitiveness of Europe opposite that of the United States and the Asia-Pacific region," said Sir Denys.

As he sees it, the industry is it creasingly disadvantaged by envi-ronmental costs not imposed on Far Eastern producers and by the necessity of huge social costs which neither Asian nor U.S. companie

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Orioles Are True to Form In 6-5 Loss to Blue Jays

By Mark Maske

Washington Past Service TORONTO - The year doesn't seem to matter. The circumstances don't seem to matter. The score, really, doesn't seem to matter. Somehow, the Baltimore Orioles will find a way to lose in the Sky-

This time, the Toronto Blue Jays railied with three runs in the bottom of the eighth inning for a 6-5 triumph over the Orioles on Tuesday night that dropped them 21/2 games behind the leaders of the American League East.

The Orioles appeared to be on their way to what felt like an important victory when Cal Ripken hit a three-run home run over the

left field wall against closer Duane Ward with two outs in the top of cliffe, got Roberto Alomar to the eighth. That gave the Orioles a ground out to open the bottom of

No matter. They lost to the Blue

AL ROUNDUP

the 12th time since the final series of the 1989 season, with nine of

"I think 1989 really got this rival-ry going," said the Blue Jays' man-ager, Cito Gaston. "For the last few years we've seemed to bave their er way around.

the eighth. But Paul Molitor beat out an infield hit, Joe Carter sin-Jays in Toronto's final at-bat for gled off Mark Williamson, and John Olerud's opposite single off Jim Poole — capping a two-for-three evening that left his batting average at .403 — loaded the bases. Closer Gregg Olson came on to

strike out Tony Fernandez, but Ed Sprague pulled a line-drive double into the left field corner to make it 5-all. Then Ripken made a diving stop of Pat Borders' bouncer up the middle, but the shortstop's throw from his knees was too late to get Borders as he dove head first into the bag at first and Olerud scored

"That was ugly," said Borders, whose lip was cut when his helmet flew off and hit him in the mouth. "If you watch the replays, you know I don't practice that slide

Ward walked Harold Reynolds and Tim Hulett singled to give the Orioles runners at first and third with one our in the ninth, but Brady Anderson popped out and Mark MeLemore struck out

■ In other games, The Associated Press reported:

Yankees 5, Tigers 2: Danny Tartabuil's homer in New York's fourrun second gave Jim Abbott all the support he needed to win in Detroit for the first time in four years.

Brewers 3, Red Sox 2: Jaime Navarro gave up only five hits for eight-plus innings for his first victory since June 16 and Robin Yount hit his 250th homer in the majors as Milwaukee beat the visiting Boston Sox for a second



Shortstop Pat Listach and Billy Hatcher had a laugh as Hatcher was tagged out, but the Red Sox weren't smiling after a 3-2 defeat.

Mariners 10, Twins 8: Ken Grif-fey Jr. extended his home run streak to seven games -- one shy of the major-league record set by Dale Long and tied by Don Mattingly— with a long grand slam and Seattle held oo after visiting Minnesota rallied from 7-0 and 8-3 deficits.

White Sox 7, Indians 4: Frank Thomas went 4-for-4 with two homers and five RBIs and Jack McDowell became the majors' first 16-game winner as Chicago, playing at home, won its 13th in the last

Thomas, 11-for-18 (.611) with

four bomers and nine RBIs in his last five sames, hit a solo bomer in the sixth and a three-run shot an inning later to rally the White Sox from a 4-2 deficit.

Angels 15, Athletics 8: Tim Salmon homered twice and drove io four runs and Chad Curtis had four hits

and four RBIs as California beat visiting Oakland to end its losing streak at 10 games.

The Angels also got a three-run bomer and three runs from Eduardo Perez, the son of Tony Perez, who was making his major

Kruk's Bat Too Much For Cards

John Kruk gave the Philadelphia
Phillies just what they needed.
He went 5-for-5 and drove in
three runs as the Phillies, playing at home, began their key series against St. Louis by beating the Cardinals, 10-7, Tuesday night.

Dave Hollins added a two-run

homer as the Phillies expanded their lead over the Cardinals to five games in the National League East. Each of Kruk's five hits was off a

different pitcher.
"We didn't pitch too good to-night," he said. "But we scored more runs so we win." The Phillies also scored two runs on a double error by right fielder

NL ROUNDUP

Mark Whiten and another on reliever Todd Burns' balk.

Kruk said the Phillies weren't seeking to avenge the beating they took in losing three of four in St. Louis at the end of June.

There is no change," he said.
"We still talk trash and listen to the same music. Oh, maybe some guys are a little more serious than nor-

St Louis starter Joe Magrane lasted just one inning-plus, allowing five hits and five runs. The right-hander has given up 22 hits, five of them home runs, and 17 runs for a 21.86 earned run average in even innings in his last three games. Tommy Greene started for the Phillies but had to leave after 2% innings when he strained a muscle

in his right groin.

Braves 10, Rockies 5: Fred McGriff his two homers, one his first inside-the-park homer in the majors, and drove in four runs as Atlanta beat host Colorado.

The Braves got four runs in the ninth, when McGriff hit a two-run triple that just missed going over

John Smoltz pitched four-hit ball over eight innings as the Braves won for the seventh time in eight games since McGriff's arrival. Since then, McGriff has six homers in 35 at-bats, the Braves have scored 81 runs but, despite the streak, are still eight games behind San Francisco in the NL West.

Giants 3, Dodgers 2: John Bur-kett became the NL's first 15-game winner, holding visiting Los Ange-les to three hits for eight innings. nings, and twice left the bases loaded.

Padres 8, Cobs 9: Andy Bener three runs as San Diego won in

Chicago.
Mets 4, Marines 3: Jeff Kent's second homer of the game, leading off the bottom of the seventh, got New York past visiting Florida. Kent also hit a three-run shot in the

Expos & Pirates 6: Pinch-hitter Lou Frazier singled in the tiebreaking run in a two-run eighth as Montreal won in Pittsburgh after blow-

ing a 4-0 lead.

Just One Hit (a Long One) Sabotages Royals' Pitcher

KANSAS CITY - It was a game that Kevin Appier will always remember, but try to forget.

Rafael Palmeiro's 21st home run of the season, in the seventh inning, ended Appier's no-hit bid Tuesday night and gave the Texas

Rangers a 1-0 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

Palmeiro's home run on a 1-0 pitch was the only hit Appier (11-5) allowed in pitching his third complete game of the season. He had allowed only one walk and retired 16 straight before the drive into

"That's one of the best pitching performances I've seen all year, no, it was the best," Palmeiro said. "We really had our hands full. I was not trying to hit the ball out of the park; I was just trying to hit it

Appler, who had won six straight, was perfect until he walked Dan Peltier on a 3-1 count with one out in the sixth. Peltier, bowever, was thrown out stealing on the next pitch.

Appier fanned two Rangers in each of the first three innings and finished with a career-high 11 strikeouts, at least one in every inning. Until the homer, the only thing close to a hit for Texas was Dean Palmer's line drive to third baseman Phil Hiatt with one out in the

If It's a Scrimmage on TV, It Must Be Washington in July

By Tony Kornheiser

Washington Part Service
WASHINGTON — I'm wondering what it's like in other cities when the local National Football League team scrimmages. Take New York, for example. Do you think traffic stops on the Upper East Side so folks can keep abreast of whether Brad Baxter made the right read oo his cut-back block in the seven-on-seven drill? Do you think there's a backup on the Major Deegan Expressway because people are waiting to find out whether Myron Guyton can still cover the fade eightb play in a Vantage 10-play series?

Do you thick Point

mage? Do you think anyone in New York even knows when the Jets or Giants scrimmage?

But here, Channel 7 would preempt the Gulf War to put on a Redskins scrimmage — and if Channel 7 didn't, Channel 5 gleefully would with three men in the booth, another on the sideline and 800 players and coaches miked; I'm sbocked. Shocked.

Newschannel 8, where I always turn to keep up with any late-breaking school board oews in Chantilly, Virginia, has the rights to replay the scrimmages the next day. (That's where you separate the true geek from the total moron - watching the rebroadcast of a scrimmage.)

Where are we, the moon? la's a scrimmage!

bone yet. Heck, it's so early Desmond hasn't even gotten onto the field yet - he's still recovering

from an off-season injury.

What could you glean from watching that scrimmage? Nothing about offense or defense.

The only thing you could know for a fact was that Richie Petitboo did not spend the entire spring pushing away from the rib rack at either of the Petitbon's Grill and Bar restaurants.

But folks are already talking about the two-back offense. You can hear them all around town,

"Wow! Two backs." "Can you believe it? We're using two backs," Excuse me, it's oot like Rod Dowhower just discovered penicillin. Two backs is not unknown in the NFL. It's not particularly radical. When

they line up a llama at H-back, let me know. Actually, I'm quite excited about the upcoming NFL season. I'm glad to see Bill Parcells coaching again. He told the New England Patriots be'd cut anyone who didn't run a mile-and-a-half in 12 minutes. I love that, because Parcells himself, who looked like a Dove Bar on the Giants' sideline, couldn't go a mile-and-a-half in 12 minutes with-

Parcells isn't the only tough guy. Rich (See No Evil, Hear No Evil, Speak No Evil) Koute has told the Philadelphia Eagles that anybody who badmouths the team to the press will he fined. Of course, this violates the Constitution of the United States, but I guess oone of the Founding Fathers

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John Elway had bad stuff to say about his former coach, Dan Reeves. He said "it was hell" the last few years in Denver with Reeves. Reeves reciprocated by saying, "Well, it wasn't Heaven."
How bad was it? Was it Des Moines after the river

With free agency, players have moved all over the place. The one Washington lusted after, Reg-White, is in Green Bay. Apparently, it's a tradition at the Packers' training camp that kids line up with bicycles after practice for the honor of ferrying the players to the dorms. Players sit on the back of these bikes, and kids pedal. Sterling Sharpe, fine; he's light. But what if you get Reg-gie? I can't imagine that kid gets out of first gear. THIS IS THE FIRST year we really can't tell

the players without a scorecard. It's amazing

how many quarterbacks moved around. Joe Mon-

tana led it off, by going to Kansas City. Mark Vlasic, who couldn't beat out Dave Krieg at Kansas City, could hardly expect to beat out Montana so he went to Tampa Bay, filling the roster spot vacated when comatose Vinny Testaverde fled Tampa Bay to rejoin his Miami Hurricanes team-mate Bernie Kosar at Cleveland, where the quasilifelike Mike Tomczak bailed out for Pittsburgh to back up Neil O'Donnell, who'd beaten out Bubby (It's Short for Bubbameister) Brister, who moved to Philadelphia, which had a vacancy because punk doofus Jim McMahon had gone to Minnesota, where Rich Gannon and Scan (Make Mine Medium) Salisbury failed to make Dennis Green swoon. Still with me? Wade Wilson, who quarterbacked at Minnesota before Gannon, then went to

in effect, a trade, as Bobby Hebert, who bore the brunt for playoff failures in New Orleans, opted to go to Atlanta. When Dan Reeves chose Phil Simms over Jeff Hostetler on the Giants, Hossums over jett riostener on the Giants, Hos-tetler left for the Los Angeles Raiders, who haven't had a good quarterback in 10 years, mak-ing the abominable Jay Schroeder expendable. So Schroeder went to Cincinnati, replacing another ash blond, Boomer Esiason, who had gone home to New York and the Jets, forcing Ken O'Brien to leave for Green Bay to back up corrent whiz kid Brett Favre, who had decisively beaten out former whiz kid Don Majkowski, who's oow in Indianap-olis because Jeff George, who hasn't liked any-thing since eighth grade, is whiny and recalcitrant

about showing up. Scott Secules, who wouldn't have gotten a snar in Miami as long as Dan Marino had a pulse, went to New England, where, presumably, he can run a mile-and-a-half in 12 minutes. And Steve Benerlein, who'd been a backup at the Raiders and Dallas, sold himself to Phoenix, where the bot rumor about the human tube of Ben-Gay, Timm-

Imagine that, the guy hasn't played two consec-unve downs in the NFL without an ambulance, and be's thinking of joining the rodeo. I hope he wears a safety cord when he attempts to ride the bucking broncos, because without it, he's in traction. This guy needs an air bag to get out of bed in the morning. How come nobody televises his

NFL President Sees Atlanta, left Atlanta for New Orleans, completing. New WLAF in '94

BARCELONA — The World League of American Football, which suspended play after losing about \$20 million in two seasons could resume. play in the spring of 1994 with an all-European format if National Football League clubs give the green light oext month, the NFL's president, Neil

Austrian, said Wednesday.

Austrian said two "international media partners" had approached the NFL with joint-venture, started, Kevin Gross, for three runs
proposals. He said he hoped a concrete offer and eight hits in the first four inwould be made to NFL club owners in September."

He declined to name the partners.

Austrian said any restarted WLAF would probably have six European-based teams, in Bancelona, pitched a five-hitter and Tony Dusseldorf, Frankfurt and London, and possibly Gwynn had five hits and drove in Madrid, Amsterdam, Manchester and Livernool. He said any new WLAF would be owned and. operated by the NFL clubs, and speculated that asecond step in "three or four years" might see the

WLAF adding teams in Hong Kong Singapore, South Korea and Japan.
The NFL-financed WLAF, which suspended play after the '92 season, had three European-based teams and seven in the United States. The U.S. icams were a failure, while the teams in Frankfurt,

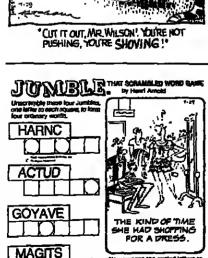
Barceloua and London were generally successful.
"We made a lot of mistakes the last time," said Austrian, in Barcelona for Sunday's American. Bowl game between the San Francisco 49ers and Pittsburgh Steelers, "It was, and is our interest

that the World League will come back."

Astros 6. Reds 5: Kevin Bass hit a three-run homer as Houston beat

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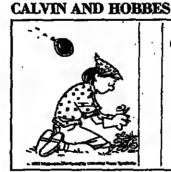
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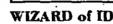
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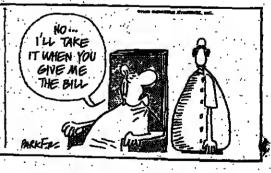




















SPORTS BASKETBALL

Celtics' Star Lewis Collapses Again and Dies While Shooting Baskets

His Skill on the Courts Wasn't the Best of Lewis

By Ian Thomsen

PARIS — It helps to know something about Reggie Lewis. His ability to shoot a basketball was just one facet of his talent. He was improving steadily when he collapsed on a court in suburban Boston.

Audiences paid a lot of money for the chance to watch him play, but they didn't see the best of him. I'm always struck by the eulogies received by athletes: He won this tournament, on this day he beat that person, in the final set he was trailing by a score of 5-2 but he came back to win and the family sits there, listening to these superficial public claims on **Vantage**

someone they knew in a completely different way. Here is the truth, and you only understand it when the hero dies, and his family gathers without him. If all he ever did was score a few more points than the others, then his life didn't amount to much. Those other facets of Reggie Lewis' spirit, his heart, were revealed after

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his graduation from Dunbar High School in Baltimore. It's a famous school for basketball, and he sat on the bench. Three others from his high school team would go on to play in the National Basketball Association—they were Reggie Williams, David Wingate and Tyrone (Muggsy) Bogues—but no one guessed that Reggie Lewis would become the best of them. In those days, be probably was single-minded in wanting to become a great player. This is where you can underestimate somebody, by holding them to their shallowest dreams.

I got to know him, only a little bit, when he played for Northeastern University in Boston. Given the opportunity, he became instantly the best player on the team, and eventually the best player in the history of the school. So he matured in stages. The Boston Celtics drafted him in 1987, and for the first year he remained as he was in college — apparently shy, one-dimensional. It was easy to think of him as pothing more than a player. It was easy to underestimate him,

Then the Celtics decided to make better use of him. He averaged 18.5 points for them in his second year, and that was when it hit him. He was fed up with being just a player—listening to a coach, running the plays, making his shots more than half of the time. He was perceived as a valuable part in a machine. Basketball had taught him to be more than that. While others had doubted his abilities, he had remained stubbornly confident. He learned that he should be just as stubborn and confident in other ways. He never stopped behaving like the perfect team player, but the rest of his personality grew up like the garden surrounding a castle. He was an NBA All-Star by the age of 26. He had one year left.

THE NEW JERSEY Nets lost their guard, Drazen Petrovic, earlier this summer. He died in the passenger seat of a car that crashed in Germany, and that was a tragic accident. As for the Celtics, they should have been fielding one of the best teams next season. Len Bias, drafted a year before Lewis, was going to be a superstar. His name is synonymous with the cocaine that killed him before he could play one game for the Celtics.

Reggie Lewis died Tuesday trying to take control of his life. Last season he complained of dizziness. Only after he collapsed during a game in April did the Celtics assemble a "Dream Team" of 11 physicians, who ultimately decided that he was the victim of an irregular beartbeat and should never play again. He found reason to question their allegiances.

They were discussing his treatment among themselves and team officials, and releasing details to the public, and in the meantime Lewis' wife was complaining that she was being excluded from the process. Were they treating him more like an employee, and less like a patient? He checked out of one Boston hospital late one night and rode by van—not by ambulance, and that was a terrific risk—to a hospital across town where his wife used to work. There he received a confusing second opinion: that be had suffered from a neurological problem, treatable by medication, and that he could play basketball this season.

For a long period now, Lewis will be transformed into a eulogy and an issue. The issue will involve the conflict of team physicians, employed by a chib to administer to athletes. When the Celtics' team of physicians decided that Lewis should not play basketball, did he worry that they were only protecting themselves? Did he trust them to do right by him? As he shot around Tuesday, no decision had been made about his future with the

The culogy will tell of the man he became. The Celtics were known as a team of white stars, but when Larry Bird retired he was replaced as captain by Lewis, a black. Lewis lived not in a suburban mansion, but in a mixed neighborhood in Boston. He worked with children, because he knew that most of them lacked his strength, to believe in themselves when others didn't. He was going to belp them, by example and in person. In him they were going to see what they might become.

The easiest thing to say is that Reggie Lewis sacrificed his life for the love of a game. Then others will argue, angrily, that the game sacrificed him. His son, Reggie Jr., is 11 months old, and his widow is pregnant. As wonderful as be was at 27, be was going to be much better still in his 50s and his 60s. He was going to be much more than a player.



Reggie Lewis and his wife, Donna Harris-Lewis, in May after a second medical opinion gave him hope of returning to basketball.

Conflicting Medical Opinions Were Given on Heart Ailment

New York Times Service NEW YORK - Reggie Lewis. the Boston Celtics' star who collapsed with a heart ailment during a National Basketball Association playoff game in April, has died after collapsing while shooting baskets at the team's training center at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts.

Paramedics found Lewis, 27, in 'complete cardiac arrest," said Mary Anne McGinn, the emergency room physician at Waltham-Weston Hospital, where Lewis was brought shortly before 6 P.M. Tuesday. He

was pronounced dead at 7:30 P.M. Lewis, who was hospitalized for 11 days after he collapsed during the playoff game against the Charlotte Hornets on April 29, had since received conflicting medical advice about the nature and severity of the ailment that led to the collapse.

A team of 11 cardiologists initially told him that he suffered from a severe form of heart disease that would pose a danger to his life if he resumed his basketball career.

After he abruptly switched hospitals, from New England Baptist to Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston for a week of further tests. Dr. Gilbert Mudge announced that

tournament in which foreigners were invited

As the Chinese government sees it, a suc-

cessful Olympics would be a sign that China

had fully joined the international communi-

ty. For a country that has long yearned for acceptance and respect from the world, the

Olympiad would he a graduation of the

same kind that Japan and South Korea com-

memorated with the 1964 Olympics in To-

Moreover, as a sports reporter for a major

kyo and the 1988 Games in Seoul.

to fire machine guns.

By Robert McG. Thomas Jr. Lewis suffered from a comparative-ly benign neural condition, neurocardiogenic syncope, in which confusing signals regulate the speed of the heart beat. Mudge said the condition could be successfully treated with drugs, allowing Lewis to resume his career.

The conflicting opinions caused a running controversy in Boston, and Lewis, himself, was critical of the team physician for releasing a statement saying he had potentially lifethreatening "cardiac abnormalities."

Lewis sought even further medi-cal advice. He apparently felt confident enough to shoot baskets at Brandeis, where the Celtics have a practice facility, but had not participated in official team workouts. In an interview last May on the Celtic-owned WEEl radio. Lewis said. You're never 100 percent sure about anything, especially lately. We're still discussing things.

and we're going to make the decision we are sure is right for me. "I know this thing is never going to go away until I step on the bas-ketball flour. And even then, everyone is going to be watching to see if

According to the Brandeis sports information director, Jack Molloy, Lewis and a friend, who was not identified, arrived at the practice court about 4 o clock Tuesday atternoon and were still shooting when Molloy left half an hour lates

After his collapse, Lewis was given en mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. by emergency medical personnel and taken to the hospital.

Amir Weiss, who was at the Brandeis gym, said Lewis "wasn't, doing anything too strenuous. When I looked over, Reggie was on the floor. We went over to look athim and he was gasping for air "He said Lewis was limp and shaking and, after a few minutes, "he stopped breathing."

Everybody could tell that he wasn't." Weiss said. "His chest was just stationary, completely station-

Chinese newspaper said, 'This bid isn't about a sports event. This is a campaign, just like all the other campaigns that the government launches. His wife, Donna Harris-Lewis. The idea is to give people something to strive who is pregnant, arrived at the hospital shortly after Lewis and within hours a stream of friends and Celtics officials joined the vigil.

Until bis collapse in April. Lexis, a native of Bahimore who played for the city's famous Dunhat High School and later starred for Northeastern University in Boston, had been a fixture on the Celtics since the team made him its first-round choice in the 1987 draft

taking him 22d over all. Playing both guard and forward for the Celtics, the 6-foot, 7-inch (2-meter) Lewis emerged as both a high scorer and a team leader. He led the team in scoring, averaging 20.8 points a game last season, and was selected as its captain

Worst Fears' Realized

Mark Estes, in electrophysical gist involved in the diagnosis at New England Baptist Hospital. said the apex of Lewis's left ventri-cle appeared to have sear tissue. The Los Angeles Times reported. Such a condition could trigger an exercise-induced arrhythmia, or fast heartbear.

Sources familiar with Tuesday's episode said Lewis was experiencing an irregular heartbeat known as ven-tricular fibrillation at the hospital.

"There has been considerable amount of concern in the medical community for the potential for a serious life-threatening arrhythmia and that our worse fears have been actualized here." Estes said Tues-

But "how a physician chooses to interpret and weigh each one of those tests is not an exact science by any means," Estes said.

The case has similarities to that of Hank Gathers, who collapsed during a Loyola Marymount game in March 1990 and died about 90 minutes later. Gathers had been taking medication to control a rapid heartbezt at the time.

"It's almost the same story all over again," said David Cannom, a cardiologist at the Good Samanian Hospital of Los Angeles. I think it is going to cause enormous shock waves through the sports commupity and, in turn, the people who take care of athletes."

The Yin and Yang of China's Bid for the Olympics

By Nicholas D. Kristof New York Times Service

BELJING - A few years ago, China seemed to have about as much chance of becoming host to the Summer Olympic Games in 2000 as Deng Xiaoping had of winning the pole yault.

But the Chinese leadership has been remarkably successful in promoting Beijing's bid for the Olympics, with the International Olympic Committee set to choose a host city in less than two months.

The leading contender is still widely believed to be Sydney. But Beijing is campaigning strongly, with support expected in Asia and among developing countries, so it could well sprint ahead in the final lap.

Already the issue is leading to new tensions in U.S.-Chinese relations. Human rights groups in the United States have protested that to award Beijing the Olympics would be to reward the government for its repression. The U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution Monday, by a vote of 287-99, saying it "strongly opposes" al-lowing Beijing to play host to the Games. China, in turn, is fuming at what it de-

nounces as "gross interference in the international Olympic affairs." He Zhenliang, president of the Chinese committee, complained to foreign reporters a few days ago that the United States had its

own human rights problems. He cited the U.S. Embassy's refusal to give his niece a visa to travel to the United States to visit relatives. In its effort to improve its image abroad, the government has taken some contradictory measures. On the one hand, it has released a number of political prisoners. On the other, it has harassed and arrested a dissident named Qin Yongmin because of his public opposition to Beijing's bid.

The president of the Chinese committee, who speaks excellent English and French, says China opposes linking sports and poli-tics, and that to do so would risk destroying the Olympie movement. Tuesday night the television news, in condemning the House resolution, suggested that the U.S. boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics was a mistake because the ultimate losers were the athletes.

But at the time of the Moscow Olympics, Chinese leaders went ont of their way to emphasize a link between politics and sports. On Feb. 1, 1980, for example, the Foreign Ministry issued a statement that it was "ohviously not suitable to stage the XXII Olympic Summer Games in Moscow under the circumstances of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan."

Three months later, China's Olympic Committee announced that it would join the Western boycott of the Moscow Olympics unless the Soviets promptly withdrew from Afghanistan, Since the Soviets did not withdraw, the Chinese athletes did not take part. Foreigners visiting Beijing are often a bit

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big year of securing the rights to some of the

sporting world's most prestigious events with the announcement Tuesday night that it had won the bidding to televise the 1996 Atlanta

The figure was well below the \$600 million

Atlanta Olympie organizing officials had hoped to get for U.S. television rights but \$55 million above the \$401 million NBC paid for the Barcelona Games in 1992. Those Games

Olympics for a record \$456 million.

WASHINGTON - NBC continued its

NBC Record Bid Gets Atlanta Games

overwhelmed by the fervor of the Olympic bid. Signs in English and Chinese are up all over the city beralding the bid, and virtually every taxi has been forced to post a "Beijing 2000" sticker on its rear window.

Beijing already has a large number of new ymnasiums and other athletic sites, many I which were built just a few years ago as the city prepared to be the site for the 1990 Asian Games, The Asian Games, which China treated as a practice run for its Olympic bid, proceeded smoothly but in such tight security that some visitors found the environment oppressive,

An official newspaper later disclosed that 650,000 people had been involved in security work in Beijing during the Asian Games.

Some of the recent publicity efforts to promote Beijing's Olympic bid seem a bit misguided. For example, although the au-thorities are encouraging foreigners to forget about the Tiananmen Square crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in 1989. Beijing promoted its Olympic bid with a shooting

lost \$100 million for the network, much of it

in a disastrous pay-per-view experiment. NBC, which already has announced

unique revenue-sharing deals this year to televise National Basketball Association

games through 1998 and major league base-ball games (with ABC) through 1999, also

agreed to share advertising sales above \$615

million with the IOC/ACOG on a 50-50 basis,

and to help promote ticket and commemora-tive coin sales. It was estimated this would add

\$6 million to \$81/2 million of revenue.

Public opinion within China is difficult to gauge. A government survey reported that 98.7 percent of Beijing residents support the Olympic bid, but it would be a foolish and masochistic citizen who would admit any other view to a government pollster, the real

for, something to unite them behind."

finding may be that 98.7 percent do not want to get in trouble:

Given all the "Beijing 2000" posters around town, it is unclear how the authorities will react if they are unsuccessful. Some Chinese believe that the government will groups, souring relations with Washington. Others believe that the posters will quietly come down.

In the last few days, authorities have begun to prepare the public for the possibility of failure. They say that if Beijing is not chosen this time it will apply again.

"They're pretty good at switching gears very rapidly," a Western diplomat said. "Maybe they'll go out on Sept. 24 and paint out the last digit in all those 'Beijing 2000' posters and substitute a '4.'"

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SIDELINES

Jackson Just Misses World Mark.

And Ferrari, in Sestriere Meet SESTRIERE, Italy (AP) - Colin Jackson of

Wales broke his European record in the 110-meter hurdles Tuesday with a time of 12.97 seconds, just 0.05 off the world record that Roger Kingdom of the United States set in 1989, in the Sestriere international meet. But for the fifth year in a row, the \$140,000 Ferrari Testarossa - offered as a prize for anyone setting a world record at the meet went unclaimed. Jackson came closest.

 Javier Sotomayor of Cuba broke his world record in the high jump Tuesday night in Sala-manca, Spain, with a leap of 2.45 meters (8 feet, 01/2 inches). His old mark of 2.44 meters had stood for four years.

Atherton Will Replace Gooch As England's Cricket Captain LONDON (AP) - Michael Atherton, 25,

was chosen as the man to rescue England's cricket fortunes Wednesday, as the Captaincy Selection Committee named him to succeed Graham Gooch as captain of the national team. Atherton was named to lead the team for the last two Tests this summer against Australia, and will be the likely choice for the

winter tour of the West Indies. India will make a three-match tour early next year, New Zealand officials said, (AFP)

For the Record

Frank Rijkaard has rejoined Ajax Amsterdam from AC Milan, sign-ing a two-year contract in a transfer deal worth \$720,000. (Reiders)

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U.S. Soccer Team Likely to Play Mexico And England Again in Buildup to Cup

States will likely get a rematch with Mexico on Oct. 13 in Washington and a chance to make up for the 4-0 drubbing inflicted Sunday in the CONCACAF Gold Cup final, the U.S. Soccer Federation said Wednesday.

The U.S. federation announced a tentative 15-game schedule through March 26, in preparation for the 1994 World Cup. England may get another chance at the Unit-ed States on Feb. 5 in either Orlando or Tampa, Florida. The United States embarrassed Eng-

land, 2-0, on June 9 in the U.S. Cup '93. Other opponents include Norway and Ukraine, two matches each, and single matches against Ghana, Latvia, Switzerland, Russia, Sweden, Iceland and two unannounced opponents. There is also a previously announced match with Germany in Palo Alto, California, on Dec. 18, the day before

the World Cup draw in Las Vegas. "We are in the process of finalizing these games with the various venues and local orga-nizing committee," said the USSF's general manager, Bill Nustall.

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 In the bribery case involving the French MISSION VIEJO, California — The United and European champion Marseille, an appeals court in the northern city of Douai has rejected demands by lawyers for Jean-Pierre Bernes, the team's general manager, to transfer the case from nearby Valenciennes.

The court disagreed that Bernes, held in the psychiatric wing of a prison for two weeks in an unsuccessful effort to extract a confession, had been treated unfairly by investigators.

The same court ordered him freed last week after Bernès refused, in a confrontation with the players who accuse him of making the bribe offer, to retract his categorie denials Marseille police questioned the team's coach.

Marc Bourrier, about allegations that its owner, Bernard Tapie, tried to induce the former Va-lenciennes coach, Boro Primorac, to take the Primorac has said Bourrier telephoned Tapie

during a meeting where Tapie offered Primorac money and career opportunities to become the scapegoat. Tapie denies that the meeting or phone call took place.

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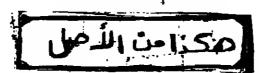
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The Revolving Door

WASHINGTON — My nomine they strongly opposed in the past. It is called "having your cake and a Door Man of the Year" goes to Abraham Sofaer, Reagan's and Bush's legal brains in the State Department from 1980 to 1990 The reason I believe he deserves the award is this: Abe Sofaer was the person who wrote the administra-

tion's opinion justifying the U.S. bombing of Libya. It was considered a magnificent piece of legal

work. Then Sofaer left the government through Washington's

revolving door.
This door makes it possible for government servants, who barely made a living while they served their country, to abruptly go into private

Beijing Bans Film After Premiere

Agence France Presse BEIJING — Hundreds of screaming fans mobbed direc-

tor Chen Kaige at the Chinese premiere of "Farewell to My Concubine" for what the Cannes Film Festival winner said would be the film's only screening here.

Censors last week abruptly retracted permission for the film, joint winner of the Cannes festival's top prize, to run in the Chinese capital.
They reductantly bowed to pressure from the Beijung Exhibition Center cinema for the film's premiere to go ahead before a select audience of journalists and wealthy Chinese.

"This premiere will also be the last showing." Chen said at the screening. He declined to elaborate, saying: "I don't want to be involved in politics." Leslie Cheung, the Hong Kong actor and singer, who stars in the film, said he and the crew were "very disap-, pointed" at the decision. "I feel very sad," he said. "It's ridiculous, We are film workers."

The film had already been curand a new ending added in order to satisfy the cense of some estand-

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large retainer, 100.

The reason I chose Sofaer for this distinction is that after giving Reagan the green light to bomb the hell out of Libya, he agreed to take on Gadhafi as a client. He was prepared to represent Libya in its lawsuits with the relatives of passengers on Pan Am flight 103 which was hlown up over Locker-bie, Scotland, by Libyan terrorists.

Having killed 270 innocent people, Libya naturally deserved the best legal advice that money could

On the surface it seemed to be a good deal for everyone. Gadhafi would get a top lawyer and Sofaer could change horses in midstream. John Townsend, Sofaer's part-

ner, gave a typical lawyer's expla-nation for taking the case when he said. "It seemed to us to be an interesting professional challenge."

Unfortunately, there was so much heat from the press and his former colleagues that Sofaer decided to how out. But he still gets my award for wanting to take the case in the first place.

This is not the only occasion that a person has left the government to represent the scoundrels he had pursued. Revolving-door lawvers are very much sought after when

they go into private practice.

Many government officials can't

through the door. Frederico Banger is a lawyer in the Justice Department and he's preparing the World Trade Center bombing trial. Banger told me. "I've got a great case against Sheikh Rahman, hut I can't wait until I get out of the government to launch his appeal.

"Is that ethical?" I asked him. "It's more than ethical. It's plain, old-fashioned survival. I've got two kids to put through school and I'm not going to do it on what Janet Reno pays me."

You baven't talked to the sheikh s people yet?" "No, I'm not allowed to, but someone keeps leaving honey cakes on my doorstep. Don't get me wrong. I'm not doing this just for money This case is a very interestmg tegal challenge.

Bayreuth Opens With Angst and Geometry

By John Rockwell New York Times Service

B AYREUTH, Germany — The opening of the Bay-reuth Wagner Festival is a great annual German occasion, equivalent to sports events elsewhere like the Super Bowl, the Henley Regatta in England, and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe horse race in France. It is an opportunity for national pride and corporate display, with the richest Germans flaunting their status through the number of guests for whom they can provide Bayreuth tickets. Since there are seven times more requests than tickets, a fistful represents considerable status.

As always, there were guests of honor at this year's opening, on Sunday, 270 of them. Aside from the usual Bavarian and other German political potentates, Mikhail and Raisa Gorbachev were on hand. Gorbachev used the occasion to appeal for Western help, to be funneled through his foundation, in supporting Russian culture, imperiled by the current political and economic crisis. He also managed to get his dark suit splattered with eggs, but the burler of the eggs said later that he was aiming at Edmund Stoiber, the president of Bavaria.

This is a "Ring"-less summer in Bayreuth, meaning the interregnum every five years or so between "Ring des Nibelungen" productions. (James Levine is to conduct a new "Ring" here in 1994). On the program this year are five individual Wagner operas, four in stagings seen be-fore. But that hardly means a festival without interest or heightened expectations. The one new production of the summer, of "Tristan und Isolde," not only opened the festival, but also included elements meant to whet a Wagnerian's appetite.

If one were interested in stage direction and design, there was the production team. Heiner Müller, considered Germany's leading playwright by those who don't think Botho Strauss deserves the title, directed his first opera ever, indeed, only his second theater piece of any kind not by himself. Erich Wonder, the practiced Austrian set designer and longtime Müller collaborator, made his Bay-reuth debut. And the Paris-based Japanese conturier Yohji Yamamoto did the costumes.

On the musical side, both title characters were taken by singers who had never previously sung their roles: Siegfried Jerusalem. Bayreuth's reigning Siegfried, as Tristan, and Waltraud Meier, the festival's premier Venus and Kundry, as Isolde. The other major parts were being taken either for the first time, or the first time at Bayreuth: Falk Struckmann as Kurwenal, Uta Priew as Brungañe, and John Tomlinson as King Mark. Daniel Barenboim was the veteran, having conducted a run of Bayreuth "Tristans" in the Jean-Pierre Ponnelle production starting in 1981.

Müller may consider himself a mere "dilettante" as a stage director t"My real profession is something else," he remarked at the postmortem news conference on Monday morning, referring to his writing), but be is one clever character. Although loath to lay out explicit interpretative explications for his staging, be has been full of piquant observations in both interviews and in the Berlin literary

magazine Lettre International. For him, the notion of Tristan and Isolde as so deeply in love that they can only find themselves in death is "nonsense, Romanticism in the worst sense," as he put it in a special festival magazine distributed free throughout Bayreuth. "A yearning for death is surely part of the piece," he conceded, "but that is nothing else than a yearning for another life. Nobody really yearns for death."



Siegfried Jerusalem, left, and Waltrand Meier in title roles of "Tristan und Isolde."

Having disposed of the central metaphor of the opera, Müller moved on. For him, the depiction of love onstage would be ludicrous: instead, he invented a scenario wherehy Isolde, an almost godlike fertility figure, redeemed Tristan from his torment. "Isolde is the only character in the piece who doesn't love abstractly," he argued. Such hints of passion that there were came from her: throwing herself into Tristan's arms at the end of Act I, or timidly placing her hand on his at the central point in the score. the emphasis on the word "und" that links the two.

Otherwise, it was all alienation and abstraction. Particularly in the second act, normally a love scene in a garden but here an ordered field of some 300 breastplates. These were laid out in patterns that made for narrow aisles, which in turn created horizontal treelike shapes. Tristan and Isolde moved stiffly along these aisles, hardly ever touching.

"I proposed Yamamoto in the desire to obtain a coldness, a distance from this overheated material," Müller wrote in Lettre International. No wonder his essay was entitled "Angst and Geometry,"

All of this outraged traditionalists; some booed fiercely at the conclusion and others questioned Müller in anguished tones at the Monday news conference and Tuesday's unnual meeting of the Society of Friends of Bayreuth. The tones were anguished rather than outright hostile because of Müller's intellectual prestige; his response was a patient reiteration that this was simply the

To be fair, there were plenty of cheers, as well. And even those opposed to the production had to concede the

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beauty of Wonder's set designs, reminiscent of Wieland Wagner's light-dappled Minimalism in its evocations.

And no one could deny that Müller'a ideas — however annoying they became at times, and however unrealized they sometimes seemed in terms of the specific direction of individual singers — made one think. Müller kept stressing the difference between "success" and "impact."
If his "Tristan" was not a success in everyone's eyes, it certainly had an impact.

As for the long-awaited debuts of Meier and Jerusalem. the audience was ecstatic, so much so that Jerusalem excitedly hugged and kissed his partner several times during the curtain calls. Critical reaction was more guarded. A few reviewers loved Meier: Max Loppert in The Financial Times of London found her "metal-tipped, liquidly vibrant" voice "lambently affecting and elating to

More typical was the reaction of the Leipziger Volkszeitung: "Waltrand Meier is the most beautiful and erotic Isolde in postwar Bayreuth history. But also the best? That depends on how long her voice, driven upward from mezzo to soprano, will survive this act of force."

Jerusalem was faulted for pitch problems in Act II, but respectfully saluted for his cleanliness of line and nobility of utterance in the other acts. Barenboim, who had his share of

boos as well, was generally praised for exciting tempo extremes and lovely soft playing in those passages where, on stage, Müller was denying the tangibility of love.

The Bayreuth Festival is to continue until Aug. 28, when the seventh and last performance in 1993 of this "Tristan" production will take place.

PEOPLE

Political Book-Making: Mom Has Inside Track

President Bill Clinton's mother, Virginia Kelley, has the inside track on tell-all Cinton-era books. The Washington Post reports that the First Mom has signed a contract with Simon & Schuster to pen her memoirs, due out next fall. James Morgan, a much-published Little Rock freelancer, will be the actual writer. Kelley plans to address her struggles as a single mother after her first husband was killed in an automobile accident; ber abusive second husband; her fondness for betting on horses; her fight against breast cancer, and what it's like to be Bill's mom.

Tamper with the image of Miss America? The beauty pageant's chief executive Leonard Horn and broadcast producer Jeff Margolis plan to give contestants a new look come September. Margolis said he decided at last year's pageant that the contestants looked like 40-yearold Stepford wives. "I thought, what a shame," he said. "Here are these wonderfully attractive young women in hairstyles they would never wear and gowns no one thinks they should wear. You don't get to see these women as who they are." So, pageant officials will ban hairdressers and makeup artists from Convention Hall.

An author and record producer who claims to have proof that Elvis

Prestey is alive has filed a lawsuit in Dallas against Elvis Prestey Enter-prises for saying that The King is dead. Retired Air Force Major Bill Smith, who wrote the book "Memphis Mystery: Elvis, the Man and the Myth," says he has had frequent phone conversations with Elvis and that Elvis Presley Enterprises violated his civil rights by holding a mo-nopoly on Eivis memorabilia and interfering with the successful mar-keting of his book.

The promoter of two planned Michael Jackson concerts in Taiwan in September is taking out a \$5.2 million insurance policy in case Jackson backs out, after his cancellation of two Hong Kong concerts in August.

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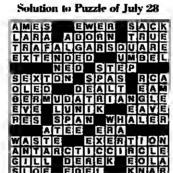
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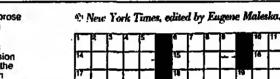
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